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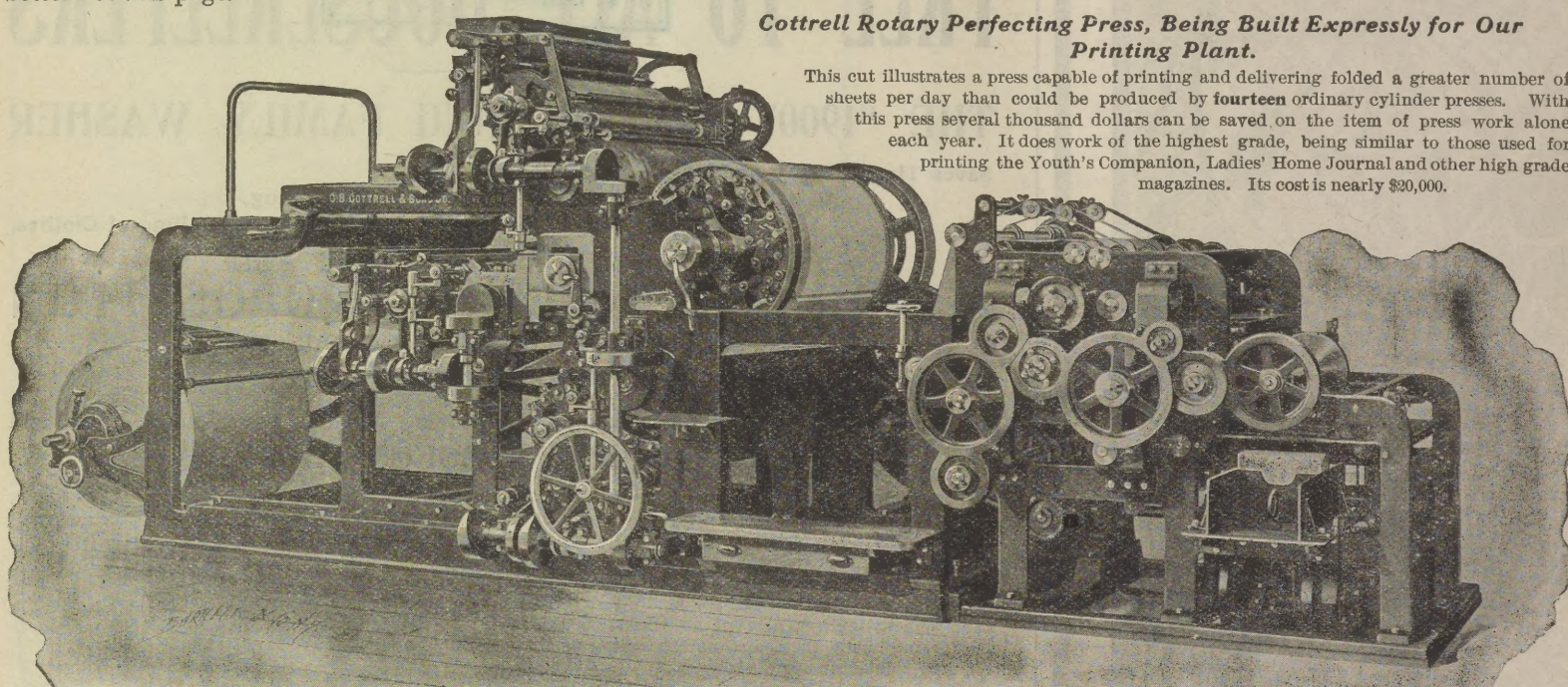
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A Frieze of White Lilies.

By Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

(Awarded the Second Prize in our late Contest.)

The typical genus *lilium* embraces the considerable number of ninety, so far as known. They are scattered over the world in all temperate parts. Those native to the United States are as fine as any in the world.

There are lilies and lilies. *Lilium candidum*, the pure white Madonna lily, is a fair representative of the class. It is a perfect type of fragile loveliness, but in reality, one of the hardiest of all flowers. The waxy texture of the foliage and the flower, seem indicative of very frail constitution, to the uninitiated. Well acquainted with the Madonna, which I select as the champion of all lilies, I know full well its capacity to withstand the severest cold of long winters, as well as the prolonged heat of summers in southern lands.

The Madonna, like all of its class, is obstinate. There are several binding rules that must be adhered to in cultivating lilies. There is no compromise with them. "*The Old Guard dies but never surrenders.*" Lilies will die, under ill-advised modes of culture, but they never sacrifice their principles. They never condescend. It is do well or die, with them.

The white Madonna lily, in large numbers, is the fine raiment of the flower garden. Numbers never make it common, but on the other hand, accentuate its grace and elegance.

The several rules for the culture of the lily are soon enumerated. First, in all parts of the world botanists have found lily bulbs deep in the ground. Obviously, this is the reason they are safely disseminated in so many widely different latitudes. The bulbs are deep in the ground where the temperature is below the fluctuations of heat and cold above the surface. In constructing a frieze of lilies, that is to be permanent for years and years, remember to plant the bulbs a foot deep.

The next rule is to have mellow soil. Lily bulbs of the finest size and quality will freckle, spot and decay in gross soil, enriched with heating compost. Whatever may be the elements, let them be thoroughly decomposed and mellowed into a whole that is friable, but mild and non-heating, and always have silver sand liberally intermixed. Then run the frieze of lilies in a sunny place. The chemical and physiological effects of sunshine can not be computed. Also run the frieze where it can remain for years to come, for lily bulbs do much better to remain in one place, provided the environments are congenial. Stagnant moisture is fatal to lilies, therefore locate them where the ground is sweet and well drained. These are all the rules. They are few and clean-cut, but not one can be disregarded, for the lily is not the pliant, complacent flower its fair and lovely form would indicate.

One other consideration, is to bed lily bulbs early in the fall. They rest from June till August and then incipient growth is manifest. September is the prime month to bed them, but October is not too late. The lily is a flower of intense vitality, as manifested by the active growth which proceeds so rapidly, that in a few weeks the waxy green crown of leaves appears. These green leaves appear very tender, but are so hardy that they are among the chief ornaments of the outdoor winter garden.

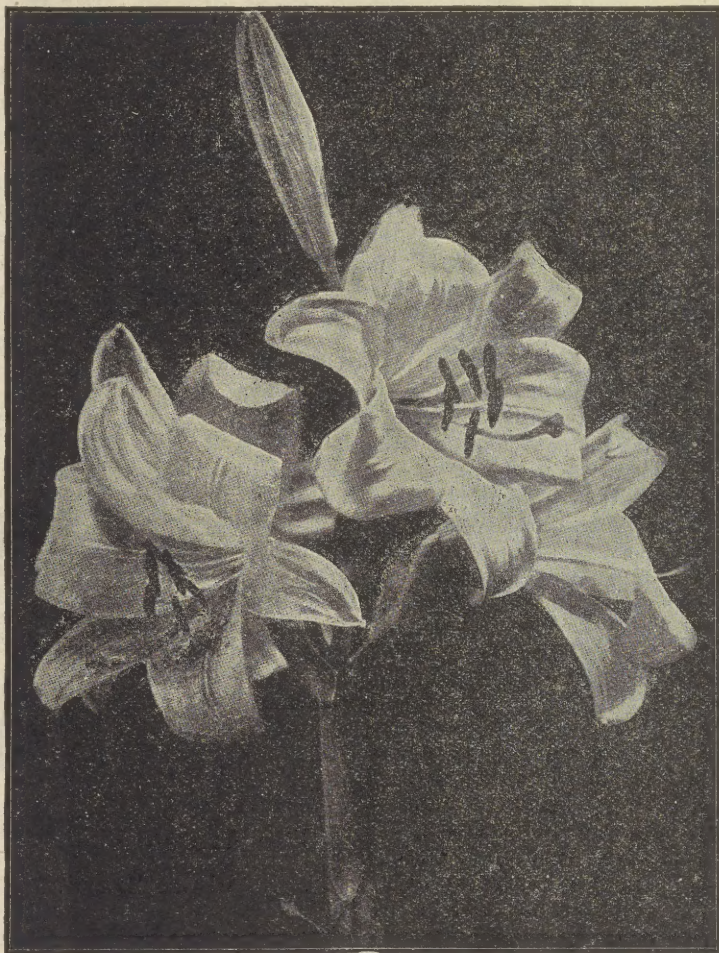
A frieze of white lilies of ideal beauty is run along the front of a closely clipped green hedge of ligustrum, the California privet, (by the way, the finest hedge plant in existence). The hedge is at its beautiful best when the tall white lilies bloom. The green background to the lilies is ideal. From end to end of this frieze the white lilies are evenly disposed in clumps of ten or a dozen to each, and where the length admits of hundreds of lilies, the effect is dazzling. The grandeur of white lilies blooming by hundreds, so far exceeds the effect of sparse numbers, that the difference to be realized must be seen.

Lilies bloom when the garden is gay with sweet peas and pansies; rich with the royal roses, and sweet with honeysuckles and pinks. There are flowers that are never so beautiful as when contrasted with lilies. Pæonies bloom when lilies do, and the large showy crimson, blush and white blooms are admirable in the frieze. Side by side with the lilies and pæonies, come the Japanese Iris Kämpferi. There are azure, indigo and peacock blue sorts; then rosy-bronze; mauve; pale purple with dark red spots, and buff, every one as beautiful as an orchid. Pæonies and Iris, with white lilies have a very pronounced and attractive appearance.

All along the frieze from end to end, carnations give the finishing touch. The whitish-green, grass-like foliage of carnations is unique in a flower scheme. Even before the sweet and lovely carnation pinks are open, the foliage is charming. Another interesting little flower with whitish-green foliage, is the Korn Blumen of Germany, our "Ragged Robin." It is quite effective mingled with other flowers, as a component of the frieze.

For royal border to the white lily frieze, adopt the rich, velvety pansies. They are in the height of their splendid blooming when the lilies are at their loveliest, and the two form an ideal combination.

White lilies are as enduring as the hills. When done blooming, and the tops removed, the bulbs are so far below the surface, that their places in the frieze may be beautifully filled with geraniums or any summer bedding plants. The most brilliant geraniums and mammoth verbenas my garden ever had to show were grown above the lily bulbs. Planted in numbers, and cultivated according to their own set rules, a frieze of any length may beautify the garden with lilies, which as the old ranchman said of the snowflakes on the Texas prairie, will be "as big and soft and white as a woman's hand."



MADONNA LILIES.



Heuchera Sanguinea.

This is a comparatively new hardy perennial, at least so new that it is not yet found in very many gardens. It is, however, one of the best plants of recent introduction, and sooner or later is sure to become a favorite.

The leaves are light green, slightly hairy, somewhat heart-shaped, and grow in tufts or clumps close to the ground. They are evergreen, and make the plant attractive even when out of bloom.

The flowers are borne in graceful, open panicles on slender stems from twelve to eighteen inches in height. They vary from the softest, prettiest rose color imaginable to a bright crimson. Variety robusta, or grandiflora, is rather an improvement on the type, as the flowers are larger and the color a little brighter. There are also varieties with white flowers, but they are not at all showy. Coral Bells and Crimson Bells are common names for the plant. It is also known as Alum Root.

The Heuchera begins to bloom in June and continues until fall, producing its graceful spikes in the greatest profusion. It is adapted to growing in borders, being at once showy and graceful as well as a continuous bloomer, and a bed of the plants when in full perfection of bloom is a beautiful sight. It also does well on rockeries or rock gardens.

As cut flowers the Heucheras are very handsome, the long, loose panicles having a very graceful, airy effect and the soft coloring making them particularly pretty for table decoration.

Any ordinary garden soil seems to suit the Heucheras, unless it be a cold, stiff clay, and they flourish best in the open sunlight, though they do not seem to object very much to a partial shade. They like moisture, but the drainage should be good. The plants are inclined to become weak

if they remain too long in one place. They should be divided every two years, either in the spring or fall.

Florence Beckwith.

The Magic Seven in Floriculture.

BY EVA R. GILLIARD.

(A prize article in our recent contest.)

Pots, drainage, soil, fertilizer, space, light, and cleanliness constitute the magic seven in floriculture, and each part of the combination must be given attention by the one who works for success.

POTS.

Plants may be grown in anything that will hold soil, but after many experiments, I prefer the common, porous clay pots. Plants grown in them need watering oftener than those grown in tin or glazed earthenware, but they are less liable to be over-watered, and moreover warmth and air can penetrate to the roots.

If the appearance of these pots is objectionable, do not paint them and make them as cold and impervious to air as the glazed ones, but stain them with turpentine colored by mixing with it some dry paint-powder of the desired color. This stains the ware but does not fill the pores; the turpentine soon evaporates and there is no crackling, or scalding, as with painted pots.

For a blooming plant the pot should be of a size that will allow the roots to fill it, as the root-bound plant blooms more freely, while the one grown for foliage needs more soil, and must have a larger pot.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage is the first thing to go into the pots, and it should never be stones, broken bricks, broken dishes, nor any cold substance. The ideal drainage is either burnt bones, charcoal, or both.

To those who burn wood it is a simple matter to save the pieces of charcoal when removing ashes from the stoves, or to take a mass of live coals and throw water over them. Every bone from meat used should be burned until it will break easily when struck with the poker. Charcoal absorbs moisture and impurities, thus preventing the cold, sour condition of soil so fatal to healthy plant growth, and the burnt bones act as both drainage and fertilizer.

SOIL.

Soil is the third requirement and should be fairly rich, and friable enough to drop apart when squeezed up in the hand. Turn up the sods along an old fence-row and from the under side scraps the mass of fibrous roots, which are light and spongy, and furnish the humus (vegetable matter) needed by growing plants. Mix this with an equal quantity of good garden-soil and then add enough sand to bring the mixture to the condition described—dropping apart after being squeezed into a lump. Pot plants do not need as rich soil

as some people think, and, in fact, a too rich soil induces a disease not unlike dyspepsia, and defeats its own ends. Such a soil as described is rich enough for any plant when first potted and no fertilizer should be given until the plant shows need of it by poor color, and decreased size of foliage. Stir the soil frequently, never allowing a crust, or mold, to form over the surface.

FERTILIZING.

As has been stated, plants should not be fed until they show signs of needing food, and resting plants should never be fed. When applying liquid fertilizer, moisten the soil before applying it, as a moist soil will absorb and hold the fertilizer better than a dry one.

Nitrate of soda is a fine stimulant and a grand medicine for sick plants. Dissolve a teaspoonful of the nitrate of soda in a quart of warm water, and water the plants with the preparation about twice a week until a healthy growth is resumed, remembering that a too free use of it will over-stimulate the plant.

Pulverized glue worked into the soil around fibrous rooted plants is one of the best plant foods known. Peruvian guano, or fish guano, may be dissolved in water and used in small quantities, or the dry material may be worked into the soil, a very little at a time and not oftener than once in two weeks. Give different fertilizers, at different times, to supply the varying needs of the plants, and always work the surface of the soil before applying it.

SPACE.

One rule in deciding what, and how many, plants shall be grown should be the amount of available space, bearing in mind at all times that six fine, perfectly developed specimens are vastly more ornamental than twice the number crowded into the same amount of space, where every one is distorted in shape, and dwarfed in size from lack of room.

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The Maiden and the Brook.

Sing, little brook, sing sweet and low;
Once in the rose-hued long ago
A true man's homage I did know;
Sing sweet and low.

Sing, little brook, sing low and sweet;
He laid his heart at my proud feet,
With scorn I did his wooing meet,
Sing low and sweet.

Sing softly, little brook, I pray;
With aching heart he rode away,
I've seen him not since that sad day,
Sing soft I pray.

Sing little brook, sing sad and low;
O'er his lone grave the grasses blow,
My laggard love he ne'er may know,
Sing sad and low.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine by Mabel Cornelia Matson.

Notes on Hardy Flowers.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

To those who have the permanent use of a garden, the culture of hardy, or more properly, herbaceous plants, should be very interesting. Perennials are plants that die each fall but come up again every spring. When once planted they require but little attention for several years.

I am glad to see that herbaceous plants are yearly becoming more fashionable. This is as it should be, for they are suitable for all gardens. For small gardens I strongly recommend the



JAPAN ANEMONE.

dwarfer kinds, as thus a greater number can be grown. The majority of the hardy plants thrive well in ordinary garden soil. In preparing the soil for herbaceous plants, it is well to dig deeply, and if very poor some good manure should be added, otherwise a quantity of half rotted leaves should be mixed with it. It is usually best to plant in lines, the tallest at

the back and the dwarfest at the front. For the very tall plants two to three feet should be allowed between the plants; for medium growers about eighteen inches. Nothing is gained by too close planting. If plenty of room is allowed there will be no necessity for replanting for several years.

I append a list of easily grown yet beautiful plants. Most of them furnish excellent blooms for house decoration, and are selected so as to keep up a supply of flowers for a long season.

Anemones—These are the beautiful wind flowers; the Japanese varieties are two feet high, and flower in the fall. Aquilegias are the Kings-cuffs of our grandmothers, and are now greatly improved. Asters or Michaelmas daisies are fall flowering plants; their starlike blossoms are most effective for room decoration; height from one to five feet, according to the variety. Campanulas include the well known Canterbury Bells, and are

most gorgeous flowers, height two to five feet. Delphiniums, or Larkspurs, are in all shades, from pale lavender to the deepest of blue. In rich soil Delphiniums grow to the height of six to eight feet, but in ordinary soil average about four and one-half feet. Dornicums are very beautiful yellow flowers one to two feet high. Digitalis, four feet. These are varieties of foxglove, and have very rich colors. Gailardias, two and one-half feet, are all shades of yellow, orange and red. Myosotis (forget-me-not) grows six inches high, very beautiful and pleasing. Phlox, one of our best hardy flowers, two to four feet high, for late summer display, would be hard to beat. French Pyrethrum, two and one-half feet, one of the best flowers for cutting as they keep fresh for a long time. Rudbeckia, two feet, yellow with purple centre. Spireas, one to three feet. The Japanese varieties are popular pot plants, and their foliage excellent for mixing



Fox Glove.

with cut flowers. Tritoma, or the Red Hot Poker, is a very curious fall flower. Hepaticas flower in spring and are lovely as edging or rockery plants. Cowslips and primroses, both single and double, have been greatly improved, and are now to be had in endless shades of color.

The Christmas Rose (*Helleborus niger*) is almost indispensable, flowering as it does in December and January. This plant should be as seldom disturbed as possible, as it bears transplanting badly. This by no means exhausts the list of beautiful hardy plants. I have, however, endeavored to select only those that can be easily raised and are comparatively easy of culture.

A. V. Meersch.



PHLOX.

New Species of Thorns.

Under the title of *Crataegus* in Rochester, New York, the Rochester Academy of Science has published a brochure, prepared by Dr. C. S. Sargent, Director of the Arnold Arboretum and author of "Silva of North America," describing new species of thorns found in this vicinity. Since 1899, Dr. Sargent, assisted by local botanists, has been making a systematic study of the thorns in Rochester and vicinity. The results of these studies are found in this preliminary list, which describes forty-one new species. Twenty other species, probably new, are still under observation.

In his introduction, Dr. Sargent says: "This segregation of forms seems to confirm the fact which I have long suspected, that the country surrounding Lake Ontario and the eastern end of Lake Erie, and the valley of the St. Lawrence river as far east as Montreal Island, is richer in forms of *Crataegus*, and in the multiplication of individuals than any other part of the world, with the exception, perhaps, of the Red River valley in Arkansas."

One of the most beautiful of these newly described thorns is named for the city of Rochester, *Crataegus Durobrivensis*, the specific name being the genitive of the ancient Roman name of Rochester, England. Some of our local botanists and a noted horticulturist and tree-lover are also remembered and honored in the naming of other species.

The thorns are among the most beautiful of our native trees and shrubs, and especially desirable for ornamental purposes. They are usually very symmetrical in shape, in spring they are covered with masses of bloom, and in autumn they are loaded with brilliantly colored fruit, which, in some species, remains on the tree all winter. In fact, at all seasons of the year the thorns are attractive, and the fortunate owners of extensive lawns and grounds should not fail to give some of them a place.

The publication of this list should stimulate the study of thorns in all parts of the country, as there are undoubtedly still more species as yet undiscovered and undescribed. Florence Beckwith.

Note—We take pride in announcing that one of the new thorns (*Crataegus Beckwithae*) was named in honor of one of our editors, Miss Beckwith, who is one of the authors of "Plants of Monroe County, New York," and President of the Botanical Section of the Rochester Academy of Science. F. C. O.

Care of Bedding Geraniums.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Geraniums will withstand many of the early frosts, when bedded out. Only do they succumb to the blighting freeze. Newspapers pinned around the plants will protect them on cold nights, thus sparing them for many more days of beauty outside, before being removed to their winter quarters. When the weather makes this a necessity, pull up the plants, shake off the dirt and hang roots upward in a dry frost-proof cellar.

A better way, and one I have to resort to, is to cut the tops from plants, place all the roots together in a large leaky granite iron kettle, and set under the plant table in the kitchen. In a short time new leaves will push forth; these grow very slowly when the short days of winter come on. Occasionally they are watered and the dust washed from the foliage. In March, the kettle takes the place on the plant table held by the winter bulbs that have bloomed and been put away in the cellar. With sunlight, warmth and care the geraniums develop into fine plants for bedding out in May. With me they begin blooming early, keep it up, never tiring, and are such a mass of color, even to the last, that one dislikes to part with them.

Eliza Bradish.

A Fine Begonia.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

A short time ago I wrote that *Impatiens Sultani* was such an excellent window plant. It is everything claimed for it, but it does not claim to possess extra fine foliage, nor to furnish anything but cheerful blossoms.

Where one wishes a stately plant with beautiful



FINE BEDDING GERANIUM.

foliage, and one that will furnish handsome blooms all the time, procure a President Carnot Begonia. There may be plants of the Begonia family that are more satisfactory, but among some nineteen varieties it is our favorite, and makes the finest appearance, though we have several other nice ones. Ours was a tiny plant last May with just two small shoots; now the tallest branch is thirty inches from top of pail and there are four more almost as tall, besides the numerous slips taken, and five large panicles of red bloom hang on the branches. Since June it has not been without two or more panicles as large as one's hand. Without the blossoms it is a beautiful plant, the rich foliage having a sheen like greenish-red, changeable silk. Without doubt it is a grand Begonia, being as floriferous for us as the old standby, Vernon Begonia. If you like Begonias, and what flower-lover does not, do not let another year pass without procuring a President Carnot.

Emma Clearwaters.



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



Roman Hyacinths and Others.

It is a possible thing to have hyacinths, tulips and narcissi in bloom in the living rooms on Christmas; but they must be planted a few months beforehand and given a reasonable time to develop roots. Special kinds must also be ordered. It is a good idea to procure a number of hyacinths, etc., in September and plant them as soon as received. This will give the bulbs about three months in which to get ready to flower, and, since the varieties that I am going to mention are earlier than other kinds, they can hardly fail to be anything but satisfactory.

The Roman hyacinth is, in many respects, head and shoulders above other members of the same family. Its principal mission seems to be to please people. It will bloom in December, and comes in white, cream, pink and blue. Each bulb sends up from one to six spikes, which cannot be said regarding all hyacinths. The bulbs and individual flowers are smaller than the Pompon and Dutch varieties, but the blossoms have a dainty grace and airiness which other kinds do not possess. Three bulbs may sometimes be planted in a four-inch pot. It is permissible to crowd them a little, especially in rich soil. A better effect will usually be realized if each color is grown in a dish by itself. This rule may often be broken to advantage, but where mixed bulbs are concerned one specimen should be put in a three inch receptacle.

A few dozens each of the Dutch and Pompon varieties should also be had. The single kinds, either mixed or named, are best to start with. They can be ordered and planted with the Romans, or later, but are not usually ready to flower during the Holidays. Many of the big Dutch kinds, potted in October, will wait until March before showing signs of growth; and the rule is not to remove them to the window until the roots, leaves and buds are well developed. One can often facilitate matters by bringing the bulbs from the cellar, putting them in a moderately warm, light cupboard in the kitchen, and leaving them there for from two to four weeks.

Duc Van Thol tulips are so bright and full of cheer that every one ought to cultivate them. The rich scarlet variety is particularly pleasing, and is just the thing to have in the window when the ground is covered with snow. If the bulbs are given reasonable time to form roots, and sufficient room to grow them, these tulips will do very well at the hands of an amateur. It is a pleasure to have them in bloom for Christmas. Three bulbs in a four-inch dish, or one in a three-inch pot, will be about right. Be sure to have a number of paper white narcissi. These go finely with the bright colors of the tulip, and may be planted as directed for that bulb. They are even earlier than the Roman hyacinth, and can generally be relied on to blossom long and well.

Plant the hyacinth, narcissus, crocus and others

so that the tips of the bulbs come about level with the rims of the dishes. The soil should be mellow, porous and reasonably rich. If the cellar is not dry and airy, the receptacles should be thoroughly drained. A layer of charcoal or pebbles in the bottom of each dish, covered with moss or leaves, will allow the surplus water to escape from the soil, and the bulbs will be in less danger of decay.

Some people place a quantity of sand or powdered charcoal around each specimen as it is planted. This is a good idea, and should always be carried out where more bulbs than one are to be planted in a dish. The sand will enable the roots to start sooner than otherwise, even if it doesn't prevent decay.

It is not always necessary to drain the receptacles smaller than a four-inch jar; but experience is the only teacher that can tell the truth in this matter. It is a good idea to soak the flower pots before planting the bulbs, and if the soil is slightly moistened, results will be all the better. Tulips, etc., can be grown in a much poorer compost than

they are ready to come to the light, when in reality they are not.

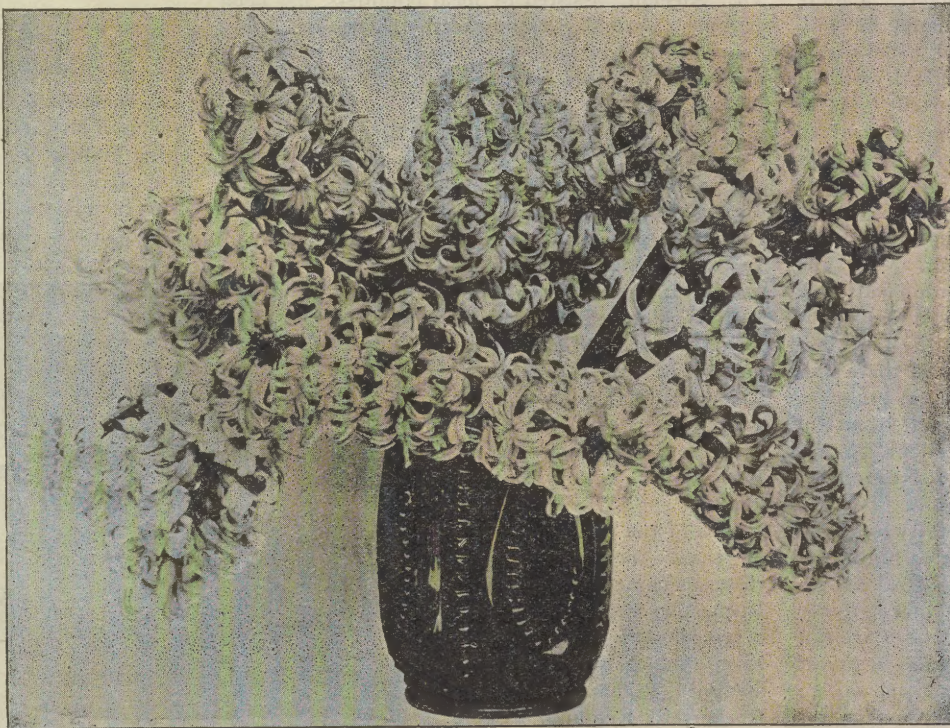
If the potted treasures are placed in cupboards and closets in the living rooms, they (the cupboards) should also be dark, and not too near a fire. Examine the different specimens throughout the winter. If the soil is dry, moisten it. The roots cannot start into satisfactory growth until they have had enough moisture to encourage them. But do not keep the soil sopping wet—that is, do not water it every day. A very good rule to follow is this: Keep every bulb in the dark until the leaves have grown an inch high. If the buds are in plain view, all the better. In bringing them to the light, do not put the different specimens immediately in the window. This may be done, however, if the flower stalk has grown entirely out of the neck of the bulb. Placed in the window at this stage, they can hardly fail to flower successfully. If hyacinths are brought from the cellar when only the tips are above ground—as may very frequently be done, especially if

wanted to flower for Christmas—they should be put first in a moderately warm, light cupboard and left there until well developed. No hyacinth should be given direct light unless the buds have grown out of the necks of the bulbs; and all specimens should have at least six weeks to grow roots in the dark. A longer time is always better. Many bulbs will not be sufficiently developed to flower within four or five months after planting; and the ones that wait the longest are generally the finest.

Keep all bulbous plants cool and moist, rather than hot and dry. In this way the flowers will last much longer than otherwise. If hyacinths choke in the necks of bulbs in trying to bloom before they ought, resort to the threadbare remedy of forming a funnel out of a piece of writing paper, cutting it off to proper length and slipping it down over the plant. Then give a cooler air. This may all be

avoided, however, by allowing slow, gradual development in the dark, and by keeping them out of an excessively warm, light window. One with a northern exposure is generally best, if not too near a stove. It is usually a poor plan to bother with the same bulbs in the living rooms another winter. The small "offsets" are as good as worthless. Hyacinths, and so forth, bloom only once a year—in the winter, in the house, or in the spring, out-of-doors. Let them die down in their pots, and save through the summer until fall, then plant in the out-door garden. Some of the largest and soundest may do fairly well in the window a second time, but they will have to be extra strong in the first place and well fertilized when in bloom. Narcissi, and particularly Chinese sacred lilies, will prove a failure the second winter. Rely on sound, newly procured bulbs.

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HYACINTHS.

would be imagined. If they are fertilized when coming into bloom, a soil utterly devoid of manure and leaf mould may be provided. Dirt that will grow good vegetables, will also grow satisfactory hyacinths, and so forth.

Difficulties That Confront One.

After the bulbs are potted, watered and labeled—by writing their names on the outside of the dishes—set them away in a dark, cool, even-temperated place to form roots. Here the difficulties of bulb growing begin. (Of course, they are difficulties only to the uninitiated.) If the cellar is chosen—as in most cases it should be—keep some traps ready for inquisitive rats and mice. Or, a few swing shelves, or a big, wooden box could be fastened to the sides or ceiling in such a way as to outwit the rodents. The cellar should be dark. If it isn't, the bulbs may immediately send forth leaves and convince one that

Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



September.

"Studious of Ease and fond of humble things,
Below the smiles, below the frowns of Kings;
Thanks to my stars, I prize the sweets of life,
No sleepless nights I count, no days or strife,
I wake, I rest, I drink, I sometimes love,
I read, I write, I settle or I rove;
Content to live, content to die unknown,
Lord of myself, accountable to none."

"You will be careful, if you are wise;
How you touch men's religion, or credit, or eyes."

"After fish,
Milk do not wish."

"They who have nothing to trouble them, will be troubled at nothing."

From "Poor Richard's Almanac" for September, 1742.

This is the month of royal colors, of purple and gold in vineyard, in harvest field, by the roadside, in the marsh and in the garden as well. Have you ever named the yellow flowers you can gather in September? Begin first with that old fashioned garden favorite tansy, though I think the quaint name of "bitter-buttons" suits it much better. How many unfortunate children have been dosed with tansy tea, "which be pleasant in taste and goode for the stomache," as the old Herbal says. Then come all the golden-rods, the sun-flowers, from the tall ones with big brown hearts filled with seeds, beloved by birds both wild and of the barnyard, to the wild ones which adorn the fence rows. Then there is the golden coreopsis, so free a bloomer that all the other garden flowers make but a poor show beside it, even the tall "Golden Glow," yielding the palm to its more lowly competitor.

Is there a child who has not gathered hands full of the saucy Black-eyed Susan? This is a native of our own land, a traveler too from western harvest fields. Not content with coming as far as the Atlantic

coast in bales of hay, it has crossed the ocean and been duly seized upon by European gardeners for its decorative beauty, a fate which several other of our native so-called weeds have met with in the Old World. All over the country this flower has local names, none of them however so pretty as that of Black-eyed Susan; though "Golden Jerusalem" is pretty, and so is Yellow Daisy, but neither Nigger-head, nor Cone-flower is particularly taking. Other members of the thistle family with



ASTERS.

from which you may pick day after day, and it will reward you by increased bloom. Like so many of our best loved plants, this is a comer from the Orient, and is called indiscriminately Chinese or Japanese Honeysuckle. There are so many admirable things about this plant that one cannot pass it over with a few words. First of all, it has fragrance, the cardinal point of excellence in a flower; next it has two seasons of bloom; it is quite free from disagreeable insects, only attracting those that charm. Its most constant visitor is that tiny bit of feathers called the humming-bird, for whose particular benefit the nectar is hidden away in the long slender tube of its corolla.

It is about the honeysuckle that I learn most of the ways and doings of this "living gem." It is

golden flowers are the elecampane, the golden aster, the Indian cup, and false sunflower.

I always look forward to a second period of bloom from the sweet honeysuckle, which is all tones from cream white to deep yellow, and one of those plants

almost motionless, and are quite fearless, letting you pass and repass beneath the branch, to all appearances not aware of your presence.

Beside the humming-birds there are other visitors that come to the honeysuckle vine, which are equally welcome, and they come at that mysterious hour of the day, when the setting sun invests all



HEAD OF NIGHT MOTH.

nature with an added glory. These creatures have gained for themselves, by their curious darting movements, the name of hawk moths, though they are more commonly known as Sphinx moths from the attitude assumed by the great caterpillars from which they come. These moths have a long tongue, curled round and round when not in use, and this they thrust into the long tube of the honeysuckle till it reaches the drop of nectar stored at the bottom. But if these moths rifle the flowers of their sweets, they do in return a service to the plant by carrying away on the hairs and scales which cover their heads, grains of pollen which will be dropped on some flower visited later, and carry on the great work of fertilization. Some of these Sphinxes have been caught with pollen masses (pollinia) on their heads and even attached to their eyes, as shown in the illustration. The side view shows the pollinia standing almost directly forward, that being their position when first attached; after a very short time the stems bend, and the masses hang down as seen in the front view. In this pendulous position the pollinia can readily come in contact with the stigma of the next flower the insect visits.

The flowers so far mentioned are but just the beginning of the golden beauties of September, another of whose humble but pretty favorites is the well known butter-and-eggs. This is an immigrant from Europe, and a welcome one, since it makes bright many a waste spot that would otherwise be bare and desolate.

Of the purple flowers much too may be said, beginning again in the garden, as we did with the yellow list, and with an old fashioned favorite. Smell the lavender! Is there another plant that appeals more forcibly to the imagination? If so I do not know it. Even that vendor of weed seeds sprinkled with a few drops of oil of lavender is welcome in the street, for he sends abroad the delicious old-time odor every time he stirs up the seeds.

Running through all shades of lilac, even from white to royal purple, we find the asters. So charming are these flowers that under the name of Boltonias they have crept into our gardens, and in great masses wave to and fro in the autumn wind perfect bunches of beauty. Go to the marsh and see the color of the iron weed, a perfect royal purple. Nor can the humble thistle be despised, since it, too, bears the color of royalty, and in truly royal manner scatters on the autumn breezes largess in the form of seeds, with royal sails of glistening silk.



GOLDEN ROD.

here the mother brings her two little ones, dull little creatures like herself, and here I found the family resting after the labor of getting their breakfast. One's most familiar impression of the humming-bird is a whirr of wings hanging apparently from a flower, then a flash of ruby red which hurries by so quickly that you can scarcely tell its direction. Indeed this is true of the male, for familiar residents as they are of the garden I have never seen one perching. But with the female and young the case is different. They select some slender branch that they can grasp easily and sit there often half an hour at a time, and return to it day after day. They will sit





The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg.

(A Prize Winning Story in Our Recent Contest.)

By J. Worthington.



This was not the good gray goose with broad pinions, downy breast, and webbed feet, waddling about the noisy barnyard or sailing swan-like over the clear, shining pool. It belonged neither to the sea nor the prairie; no pen, "mightier than the sword," was ever made from its quills; never one of its feathers had winged the archer's arrow, nor from its fluffy store had been gathered the filling for a restful pillow. It was not of the kind to save a city by its cackling, nor might it furnish forth a feast for the happy Christmas time. Yet, seldom did it fail, except on Sunday or a legal holiday, to bring to the hoard of its possessor some accession; not, indeed, a nugget, but a small contribution, the proverbial "little" that "makes a mickle."

No description is given in natural history, ancient or modern, of this particular species of Anser, for the reason that it was made of iron, long and narrow in shape with a handle resembling the neck of the bird for which it was named. Its owner was the village tailoress, Miss Lucretia Lathrop (Creshy Lotrop, in common parlance), and its utility was for pressing open the seams and smoothing the padded collars and shapely lapels of her fulled-cloth work.

It was before the day of the helpful sewing machine or the convenient "hand-me-downs" of the ready made clothing shop. Every stitch required conscientious placing of the needle by careful fingers, and so well was Miss Lucretia's work accomplished that the best townspeople of Hillsdale were content to wear the garments fashioned by her, with no question as to style, fit, or general effect.

For the small remuneration of four York shillings a day, she sewed from seven in the morning till nine in the evening, when, placing her thread, twist, beeswax, open-topped thimble and sharp shears in her utility work-bag, and having seen that her goose and press-board were put away conveniently for next day's use, she set forth on her homeward way with a peaceful consciousness of faithful well-doing.

The most liberal flatterer could not say that Miss Lathrop was pretty. Her pale, ashen colored hair, plastered plainly down on each side of a face similar in hue, her features commonplace, her eyes a faded blue, her form lean and ungraceful, afforded no inspiration to artist or poet. Nor was her manner prepossessing. She was too decided, brusque, too self-opinionated to be winning, and (let it be whispered) she indulged in the use of a sternutation powder which she called "Maccaboy," of which her stained upper lip and nasal speech gave evidence. To this rose-scented mixture she added a vanilla bean, about which the children used to be very curious, but they seldom saw the inside of the sacred snuffbox, which had belonged to Deacon Lathrop, and which with him had been an heirloom.

Yet, the village tailoress was ever a welcome comer to the houses of the townspeople, and held their sincere respect. Even the boys who had the

errand of conveying to and fro her goose and press-board, cherished no ill will, for their jackets were well made and their trousers never skimped in the pockets.

Miss Lucretia had a heart of gold, a vigorous will, a steadfast courage, and a perseverance in what she deemed her duty, undaunted by rebuff, and accepting no defeat. The pious purpose of her life was well known. Since she was eighteen she had devoted herself to an endeavor which she had set for her life-work.

When her Grandfather Lathrop went to the unseen country, he bequeathed to her the ancient Lathrop home, with all its belongings, but, so far as she knew, with no visible income. So she betook herself to the learning of a trade, resolved that never should debt nor incumbrance fall upon that sacred heritage; and she succeeded well. The tax-gatherer never had to wait for the Lathrop dues; every duty of a citizen and a land owner was promptly paid—the property kept safe and intact.

Her only sister, Lucy Lathrop, had married

access to spacious apartments of which, except those of Miss Lathrop's living rooms, the doors were seldom opened. Old trees, that had outlived generations of the family, gave to the place a venerable dignity. Even of the row of tall Lombardy poplars, now so nearly extinct in this country, a few survived. The oaks, elms, and maples seemed primeval. The townspeople respected the place for its age, and regarded it as an object of interest.

The back porch overlooked the large garden, where in one corner Miss Lucretia raised her vegetables and tended her cherished flowers, but the greater part had been left to the bounteous gardener, Nature, who had made of it a picturesque wilderness overrun by a redundant growth of self-sown saplings, wild vines and bushes.

Of the old furniture, carefully preserved, were heirlooms brought over the sea by the earlier comers to New England. That Miss Lathrop should love and venerate a place so hallowed by time and the long residence of kindred, will be easy understood by those, who, from childhood to age have enjoyed the shelter of a home so dear.

And now, Miss Lucretia was past sixty and feeling some diminution of strength and courage. A day's sewing wearied her as it had not used to do. Her solitary rooms, when she came home, seemed more lonesome. She felt a need of human association; the longing for the presence of kindred grew stronger within her, and a keen desire to see the destined successor to the old home awakened in her mind.

So one day, she "took in hand" a pen seldom used and indited a letter asking the widow Huntington and her daughter to come to Hillsdale. A reply accepting her hospitable invitation was soon followed by the arrival of the wished-for guests.

The widow Huntington was simply a kind and pleasant person, but the daughter—whence had she inherited such loveliness? Not from her mother, certainly; not even from sister Lucy who had been merely a good, plain sort of woman. It must have been the Huntingtons from whom she had derived such an endowment of personal good looks, such sweetness of nature, such brightness of manner.

Into Miss Lucretia's empty life came beauty, cheer, tenderness, loving ministry. Under the practical considerations which had shaped her destiny, had been hidden some-

thing of which her consciousness had been but dimly aware; heart-hunger, thirst for love; and this new experience was like an invigorating cordial to her weary spirit.

And when the terror assailed her of the going away of these friends, of being left again to her dreary solitude, she felt that she could not bear it. They had in the West a farm and interests worth looking after. If only they could sell the land there would be no hindrance to their staying with her.

Imagine her joy when, one day, there came to the widow and her daughter a liberal offer. The Bloomsbury Agricultural Implement Company, whose large works adjoined the Huntington farm, desired to buy more acres upon which to build cottages for their employees. It was of great importance to the company to acquire this particular piece of property, and their offer had been made with the intention of securing it at any cost.



THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

early and with her husband, Andrew Huntington, had gone West for the betterment of their fortunes. Both were dead, but a son, Lathrop Huntington, lived to give a purpose to her life. That this descendant of the Lathrops and Huntingtons should become the master of the ancestral home, its fields and orchards, was a sufficient inspiration for her activity.

Great was her sorrow and disappointment when, at thirty-three, he was hurried out of life. But he had left a widow and a daughter, and to this last she transferred the affection which she had given to her lost kindred.

The old house had a pleasant site, overlooking an extensive prospect of hill and valley, and giving a view of the village spires and dwellings; itself, with its two stories and "stoop" in front and piazzas across each wing was conspicuous from a long distance. Built in the generous proportions of the colonial time, its wide halls gave

The opportunity of selling the land was one which they were glad to accept, and Miss Lucretia's mind was relieved from apprehension. But it may be said of young Lucy Huntington that the profit to be gained by the transaction was not a leading influence in her decision.

She had learned truly to love this lonely aunt of hers, to appreciate the generous, self-denying traits of character; the singular renunciation of the joys of youth, the ease of middle life; the consecration to a noble purpose; and it became to this amiable young girl the most earnest desire and intention to stay and cheer the declining years of one who had given her strength for others; to put into her failing life a sweetness of which her experience had been barren. And now, this happy chance of selling the farm would make it possible for her to relieve this good aunt from the necessity of work and give her the rest due to her years of privation and toil.

For making the necessary legal documents for a transfer of the land to the new purchasers, the advice and assistance of a lawyer was required. A young man had recently opened an office in Hillsdale for the practice of his profession. His name, Gurdon Lathrop, seemed to the women a letter of credence which bespoke their trust, and accordingly they sought his services.

Time and considerable consultation seemed to be necessary, and before the business was concluded the visits of the young lawyer had become frequent, nor did they cease when no longer needed. The habit of repairing to the shade of the old trees, or the inviting shelter of the broad colonnade at the close of a summer day when the office seemed hot and uncomfortable, became a settled one. The winter did not change the aspect of the case. The great wood fire in the old sitting room presented an attractive contrast to the dull office stove. Bright companionship, music, pleasant talk, homelike kindness, were a charm too potent to be resisted.

But why spend words in approaching an inevitable conclusion? There was not a gossip in Hillsdale who could not see with half an eye the outcome of all this philandering (as they were pleased to call it). "Miss Lathrop," they said, "was trying to make a match between her pretty niece and that rising young lawyer." As if what was to happen had not long ago been recorded in the Book of Fate, without reference to Miss Lucretia.

No sentiment had come into the spinster's early life. The lack of winning charms had been a sufficient safeguard against the attentions of young men, and she had been too busy to care for them. Now into her world had come a new subject for observation. The progress of a genuine love affair, involving the happiness of two very dear to her, could not be otherwise than interesting. Lucy Hunt-

ington, as everybody knew, was her pride and treasure.

And she thought well of the young counselor. Grandfather Lathrop had told her much of the forefathers, men upright, wise, resolute, religious, patriotic, capable. As friendly acquaintance disclosed the admirable traits of young Gurdon, he seemed to her a noble representative of all that was best in the heroes of these old-time tales. She felt convinced that somewhere in the past there had been a link of kindred between his family and hers, and could see in all that was happening the guiding hand of Providence.

The widow Huntington, by natural aptitude and acquired skill, was a perfect housekeeper, with a rare faculty for making everybody comfortable. A slight illness under her nursing became rather a luxury than otherwise. The delicious cakes, jellies, and refreshing beverages, the soups, sauces and desserts compounded by her intelligence, revealed possibilities unknown to Miss Lucretia's desultory housewifery. Under her quiet supervision the Lathrop home assumed a marvelous transformation. Rooms long closed to the good sunlight once more welcomed its reviving rays. Cleaned, aired and dusted, with India matings, frilled white muslin curtains, open doors and windows, cheer reigned within and the exterior gave evidence of living occupants. Miss Lucy's artistic touch brightened the place with flowers, pictures, gay ribbons and beautiful needlework.

When the wedding day was set, Miss Lucretia decided that the occasion should be one worthy of the best days of the old house. Friends of the young people far and near were bidden to the marriage, and if any ghosts of departed Lathrops lurked in corners or closets, they were made aware of an incoming century by the voices of happy guests.

Though Grandfather Lathrop had apparently left little negotiable coin, Miss Lucretia knew very well that in the till of the old wooden chest that stood in the southwest chamber were certain gunnybags which in her time had never been untied. Considering them a sacred trust, she had never explored their mysteries, but that they held an accumulation of silver and some gold coins she understood. Very likely they were now uncurrent and of little value, but she thought it well to leave them as a sort of nest egg for the future. In the same old chest she had placed a stout sack that held the savings of her many years of toil. She felt that they were her own, and that she had every right to use them as she pleased. And to what better purpose could she devote them than to the great event in prospect?

So it came to pass that a singular flood of old-time coins appeared in Hillsdale; silver dollars and half dollars, pillared quarters, pistareens, shillings and sixpences, copper cents of rare dates that were sought by col-

lectors at a premium, and some golden eagles and half eagles. The source was found to be Miss Lathrop, and she was besieged for certain silver pieces long out of circulation and so rare as to be worth more than their weight in gold. Eager connoisseurs from the cities, hearing of this remarkable hoard, came to seek for dates long unattainable, and Miss Lucretia's fortunes seemed to be in the ascendant.

It was long before she would consent to the exploring of the old Lathrop gunnybags, but, considering that the true heirs were already upon the scene, there appeared no good reason for delay. So, one day she gave to her children Gurdon and Lucy the key to the forefather chest, with leave to bring to light the long hidden gunnybags. They raised the lid with care, but curiosity prevailed; the bags were lifted and conveyed down stairs, where, on the sitting room table they were reverently unclosed.

A bonanza indeed their contents proved. Buried in darkness and seclusion, had lain unsuspected by Miss Lucretia a real treasure, the hoard of dead and gone generations of Lathrops. Uncurrent, indeed, but rich in value to the numismatologist; coins of the sixteenth century, gold and silver pieces of many lands, English guineas, sovereigns, crowns, florins and shillings, a lion d'or of the Netherlands, guilders and gulden, a Saxon Augustus of 1784; French louis d'ors, francs and livres; German ducats, ducatoons and thalers; rix dollars of the North, doubloons, pistoles and sequins of the South; and many rare pieces of the early coinage of the American states; an affluence of numismatic richness.

Love and tender care had done much for Miss Lucretia. The peace and content of her later days had paid ample indemnity for the joylessness of her previous experience. Beloved, revered, served with filial devotion, it may truly be said of her, "at evening time it shall be light."

The friendly influences of a life of ease and abundance were apparent in the once uncomely spinster. Long ago she had discarded the pernicious practice of snuff taking, and her face was fairer than in her first youth. Handsomely dressed, as by the dutiful care of Lucy she always was, her snow-white hair adorned by caps of finest thread lace and dainty ribbon, ever gracious and dignified in manner, she had become a remarkably nice looking and agreeable old lady.

To see her going up the broad aisle of the old Congregational church leaning trustfully on the arm of her beloved Gurdon, her face beaming with the light of a happy spirit, was a pleasant sight. Her life of leisure gave much opportunity for profitable reading, a privilege denied to her youth and middle age, and in the summers she made many little journeys. Once she went to the ancient home of her family in Con-

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Watermelons and Canteloupes

By Mrs. G. T. Drennan

The old-time disfavor toward watermelons has disappeared since cold storage has become general. Luscious melons, ripened to a nicety, are as fresh and sweet when shipped hundreds of miles, on cold storage, as when plucked from the vines. They are all ready to serve, requiring none of the work around the hot stove that puddings and pies, custards and cakes require. Cool and refreshing, they are Nature's own offering for the hot summer and early fall days.

Watermelon Dessert.—Cut in thick crosswise or lengthwise slices and provide each person with a silver fork. For both lunch and dinner watermelon just off the ice is an ideal dessert.

Watermelon Sherbet.—Scrape the red meat out of the rind, remove the seeds, and freeze. Use all of the water that collects in each half. Pulp the meat and water together before putting it in the freezer. No sugar is required for sherbet but melon ice to be frozen and molded must have a teacupfull of sugar to each quart of melon-meat and water. A few black seeds interspersed adds ornament to the molded ice.

Canteloupe for Breakfast.—Cut in halves, scrape out the seeds, lay a piece of ice in each half, and slice in sections, serving several slices to each person, with salt and pepper. Now and again sugar and nutmeg are preferred, but that is the exception.

Canteloupe for Dessert.—Select the small, sweet nutmeg melons, such as the Jenny Lind and the Golden netted varieties. Cut them in half, either crosswise or lengthwise, and fill with ice cream. The cream takes its flavor from the melon, and cream and melon meat are eaten together, with the spoon. Few desserts so well deserve the name of manna or nectar, the food of angels and of the gods of mythology.

Regarding the healthfulness of melons, eat the heart of the watermelon and the half-inch edge of the meat of the canteloupe. Avoid eating the meat of either near the rind. Avoid over, or underripe melons. A plug can easily be taken out of a water melon, thereby distinctly showing the quality from the rind to the heart. The plug can be replaced to keep out the air.

Canteloupes are judged by the appearance of the rind. Ripe canteloupes of certain kinds are yellow, heavily netted. The New Orleans Market and the Gem, for instance, are green when ripe, but the seams along the rinds are yellow and the netted lines are yellow. If it should be that ice is not available when the melons are brought to the rural home, fresh from the sweet, dewy green patch, have a tub of water and keep the melons in it till ready to serve. A tub under the well shelter, filled with water, keeps melons cool and nice.

Answers to Correspondents.

Mrs. B. W. W., Norfolk, Va.—Citron is the preserved rind of the citron watermelon. Allow two pounds of sugar to each pound of the rind and flavor strongly with ginger and mace. Prepare the rind after the usual formula, and cut it into fancy shapes with a sharp knife or tin cake cutters of pretty patterns. After filling the jars with the citron and syrup, screw the lids on tightly, set aside for a week; then reboil the syrup, add more sugar and more water, making more thick, hot syrup, flavor with mace and ginger and pour hot over the citron in the jar and screw on the tops and it will keep for years. The rind, somehow, has a tendency to retain moisture enough to thin the first syrup. This simple item of the second boiling of the syrup is

worth a great deal. It perfects the citron. It insures its keeping well.

Mrs. Bennet, Altoona, Ky.—Mangoes are eaten like pears or any other ripe fruit. They are soft and pulpy and finger bowls and napkins are called into use when mangoes are eaten at table. They are luscious and sweet, without the acid that characterizes all fruits except bananas and pears.

Miss Mary P., Atlanta, Ga.—The acid pomegranate is brilliant red on the outside of the rind, and the seeds are clear and transparent, of brightest red. The sweet kind has golden rind and amber seeds.

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Mrs. William McC., Lapark, Pa.—Allow one-half hour for spinach to boil. The cookery books say ten or twenty minutes, but it tastes better boiled half an hour.

Mrs. Thos. B.—The "fifth quarter" of the beef includes sweet breads, heart, tripe, heels, brains and the ox-tail for soup. The value depends on how they are prepared for market. "Calf's foot jelly" is the best product of the heels.

Mrs. Cora B., Providence, R. I.—Your recipe calls for too many spices, otherwise it is excellent. The best mango pickles are made of green canteloupes cut in half, cleaned out and pickled. After they have been in vinegar for a week, take them out and fill each half with cucumber pickle chopped up, grated horse radish, onion chopped fine and any little good thing the store room affords, say raisins cut in halves, brandy cherries, chow chow, and a slice of lemon to each half. Mace in small blades, black and cayenne pepper and alspice in moderation, must be incorporated with the ingredients, the halves both filled and white mustard seed drilled over each, until every interstice is filled with the seeds. Also, in the beginning, rub white mustard seeds over the inside of the

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THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

The Commonplace Life.

"A commonplace life," we say, and we sigh;
But why should we sigh as we say?
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.
The moon and the stars are commonplace things,
And the flower that blooms, and the bird that
sings,
But dark were the world, and sad our lot
If the flowers failed, and the sun shone not.

* * *
And God, who studies each separate soul,
Out of commonplace lives makes His beautiful
whole.

Susan Coolidge.

Busy Mothers.

How easily one may fall from heights to which one has climbed! Just as the thought that a victory over events, or emotions, or habits grows to pleasing certainty, "the perversity of inanimate things," or of humans whose lives touch ours, an unexpected loss or other blow along material lines, and like a puff our serenity, philosophy, and even the desire to attain, vanishes. We are shocked to find how commonplace our lives really are; and here arises our danger: for to live a commonplace life sweetly is no small thing.

Blue Mondays come and go in varied forms of trial of backbone and grit. Tuesdays find us perspiring yet firm; if washing and ironing must be done we do it—in a martyr-like way at times or, when our spirits rise superior, with cheery resolution. The trials of the week, we rejoice to know, come one day at a time. The busy mother, however, loses her elastic resistance to the monotonous yet varied strain of duties if her nights are spent nursing children and if there never comes a holiday—a real holiday, not a new form of labor called thus. Sunday, too, is not in many homes a day of less care. A careless disregard is shown too often to the nursing mother in summer which results in her overworking. In time, as things are now, it may be that only rich mothers whose leisure is assured, may enjoy the luxury of feeding their own babes as Nature intended. The farmer would not deny the effects of irregular and unfit conditions on milch cows, but seems to expect Providence to work a miracle in case of his sadly worn, discouraged, overheated, toiling wife.

There is such a difference, too, in workers and their methods. It seems with some that the disposition is at fault and a dull obstinacy causes all would-be helpers to despair of altering what can be seen to be useless overwork, a heavy, drudging spirit in a

dragging, tired body. It is maddening to see such people work their life's brightness out by endless steps, and consider how others less faithful (but also less obstinate) in far less time, without exhaustion, of body and soul, accomplish wonders—in fact "work all around" the sullenly faithful plodder, whom nothing short of an earthquake can move in newer, better ways.

One may shirk conscientiously. It is a choice of duties at times. To be "too tired" may be a sin in many homes where a mother's influence is all or the only strong power for good. For instance, one may dust once so thoroughly that the results far excel some people's many daily dustings. To "shirk" does not mean dirty corners, or dust and lint in bedrooms. It is a "knack" each must learn.

The point to remember in these busy days as Autumn creeps on silently sure, is that busy mothers are more than houseworkers, and must teach others to feel willing and glad to save mother's steps because home is not home without her. It is a worthy ambition, to be sure, to have "lots of pickles and jelly and canned stuff." A lazy woman who would not think of such labor at all would seem ugly in our mental vision, while the pale, weary woman who toils late and rises early wears a halo, although we pity her for any mistaken ideas about herself. Self annihilation is not God's will or way.

Oh, mothers, so weary, discouraged,
Worn out with the cares of the day,
You often grow cross and impatient,
Complain of the noise and the play;
For the day brings so many vexations,
So many things going amiss;
But, mothers, whatever may vex you,
Send the children to bed with a kiss.

Selected.

Young Mothers.

The inexperience, wifely love, and ambition of a young mother too often combine in the dire result of causing her to begin, unconsciously, a life of semi-invalidism. The cares and actually necessary burdens of married life are not too heavy for the happily married woman; but the semi-invalid is not happily married though a brave show may be kept up. There may be no more visible sign than petulance and chronic irritation; the husband sighs or fumes because Jennie is so changed. The children grow up sure that mother is "cross." An unpleasant home atmosphere can scarcely hold an erring man's fancy or charm a more virtuous nature. Boys

who live in such homes are fond of the street.

Pay heed to yourselves young mothers, especially you who have not lived according to physical culture laws and have borne children in hardship and pain. Do not begin heavy housework, or work in cold and damp, nor lift too heavy loads; in short live gently, avoid excitement, and in time your full strength will return. Do not expect too much while nursing, but do plan to use yourself well for baby's sake while nursing the child.

Teach the child its habits of regularity now, in diet, sleep and play. At two month's old it may be difficult. The beginnings of good are yours now. Young as he is, baby knows who rules. Without crossness but much unchanging firmness, any mother may teach a healthy babe to obey—smilingly. Loving obedience is so sweet. The colicky baby requires endless wisdom and patience lest a crying habit be formed.

I would earnestly urge my readers to scrimp if necessary, but somehow to earn or borrow a mother's magazine each month. It will often cheer you with helpful advice, it will come as a friend in need when illness or some moral question puzzles you and you fear to ask other's help. There are several excellent periodicals along this line. I shall be pleased to send sample copies of those I love best because of their aid in actual experiences of mine, to all who send their address.

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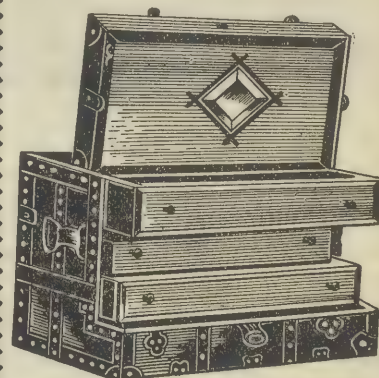
What is the best general plan for daily use for a tiny infant? This question is one the average woman desires to have answered. The average baby has, however, many exceptions. There is, for instance, "the irregular baby," who fits to no theories save his own. One must not treat the summer baby like the winter baby in dress, though in diet one may follow the same rules for both.

Delicate babies are better for sun baths—letting them lie naked on your lap on a blanket, with sunshine streaming over their flesh—oil rubs and salt baths. Sponging daily, with three full baths weekly, is safer for frail children than many hot soapbaths which do very well for robust children. Cleanliness is an aid to health because the skin is a wonderful organ, or serves as one, and rightly used plays a too little appreciated part in all health-restoring processes. A certain valuable blood remedy insists on the use of their — internally, soap externally and ointment on all visible eruptions. The soap is medicated but the greatest value it has, after all, is to keep the skin doing good work.

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For the Children

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By Rhodes Campbell.

The rain poured down in torrents as a doctor's carriage drove up the long winding driveway leading to a lonely farmhouse. The doctor leaned forward as he came near the house, and saw the face he looked for—a boy's—pressed close to the pane. A moment later the boy himself was out on the piazza.

"Oh, Uncle Alec! did you get him?" he called out in an anxious voice.

For answer, a big Irish setter leaped out of the carriage and bounded up the steps. Boy and dog fell over each other in a confused ball on the floor, as the doctor drove off to the stable, laughing.

When Dr. Alec McKenzie came into the living room, the boy was down before the open fire with his new playmate, romping and caressing him by turns.

"He knows me already," he exclaimed. "We're friends—oh, Uncle Alec, you couldn't have bought me a present I'd like better than this. I shall never be lonely again."

A little shadow came into the doctor's face. "I'm afraid it is lonely, Bob," he said, "but never mind; some day when I have a Fortunatus purse, we'll go off for a good time." Here the further door opened and the face of Jane Barrows looked in, frowning.

"A dog as I'm a livin' woman!" she exclaimed. "As if I didn't have enough to do already without feedin' and carin' for a beast like that!"

"Oh, Jane, I'll care for him. I'll do everything—see what a dear he is!" said Bob.

Jane looked at the eager face and her voice softened. "Well, come in to your supper, or the muffins will get cold," she said.

The two went into the little dining-room, leaving the newcomer behind. He looked wistfully after them but he was too well trained to go to supper unless invited. Through the open door he watched his new master and made up his mind what manner of boy he was; but it was too late for that—he loved Bob already!

Dr. McKenzie, to his sorrow, looked almost as young as a boy, himself. For it is a grave fault for a doctor to

be too young—sick folks are afraid to trust themselves to any but solemn, gray-haired men. He and Bob were alone in the world. The doctor's parents had died when he was twenty, leaving a younger sister to his care. This sister married in a short time and when Bob was two years old, died of a prevalent fever. Her husband, an army officer, was killed in the war with Spain, leaving Bob to his dear friend and brother-in-law, Dr. McKenzie, and his sole legacy as to property, this little farm in the county where he was born. So the struggling young doctor, glad of a home, settled here and was trying to build up a practice among the country folk, already devoted to old Dr. Warnock whose methods were as antiquated as his education was lacking. Jane Barrows, whose forbidding face belied her kind heart, had been Bob's nurse

gone, and Bob was ten years old—a large, strong fellow living out of doors, and studying far less than many good folk might have thought necessary. For the little country school was far away and poorly taught, so Dr. Alec became teacher as well as father. Bob's lessons were short and few, but they must be well learned. Kaiser knew that, and was as quiet as a mouse, while Bob, trying to forget the new play he had made up, buried his face in his book and said over the Presidents of the United States or a rule in arithmetic.

It was a few days after the birthday that a dreadful sorrow came to Bob. He and Kaiser had had a holiday, and the morning had been unusually jolly with a picnic in the orchard—it was a warm spring day—and a long play in the barn. Then Kaiser ran off to play "Hide and Seek," and Bob hunted him. But for once he couldn't find him. He whistled and called: "Kaiser, you rascal, where are you?" He ran through the orchard—even into the woods beyond—shouting until he was hoarse and tired; but no answering bark greeted his strained ears.

When Dr. Alec came home late, no boy and dog came flying down the drive to meet him. He hurried into

he lay hidden in the wood, a voice had called him softly by name, and a piece of meat was placed under his nose. Kaiser smelled carefully, then rolled a delicious morsel into his mouth, and then he felt a rope about his neck, and he was lifted, strangely stupid and quiet, into a wagon near by, and was whirled away.

When he awakened—for Kaiser had been drugged—he was miles away from the wood and the home he loved, and on a train city-bound. His new master had a face which Kaiser could read. It was a low, keen crafty face. Dan Bowen was a man who had idled through life, working when needful, but cruel, worthless and worse. He was at present an organ grinder, and seeing Kaiser's tricks once when tramping through the country, was determined to secure him for his new vocation.

And now Kaiser had a hard life as he went from place to place, collecting money and playing tricks and even dancing—oh, that was a disgraceful thing for a Kaiser to do! To play with his friend Bob at any thing was a different matter from playing before a motley crowd and at the command of this hard, exacting man!

But Kaiser showed his fine breeding in misfortune as well as in prosperity. He bore it all—the petty tricks fit for poodles of low degree—the blows, the tiresome life, even the loss of food and sleep, with a dignity which those who know the race would have seen and appreciated.

He longed for the farm as he never had longed for the home of his first mistress whose heart was indifferent, though not cruel. He dreamed of Bob with his jolly laugh, his strong loving arms, his constant companionship, until he cried when he awakened. Once he watched his chance and ran off—oh, how he ran! But he was caught and brought back to his master who beat him until poor Kaiser lay down on his straw unable to move.

"I'll teach you to run off," said Dan with an evil laugh as Kaiser lay motionless.

The weeks dragged on and still Kaiser held his noble head high and uttered never a whine over his fate, not dreaming that rescue was near.

As he went through the usual program in a beautiful Western city, a handsome brougham drove near, and a lady and little girl watched him as he earned more nickles and dimes than his master had ever possessed before.

"Oh mamma, you promised to buy me a dog, and there is the one I want—just look how smart he is, and yet he looks as if he had a hard life! Do, do ask that horrid man if he will sell



"Through the open door Kaiser watched his new master."

when a baby, and had followed his fortunes ever since. It was to this home that Kaiser, of royal canine blood, came when his mistress, leaving for a far-away land, had given him to the doctor, and the doctor had given him to Bob.

Now, after his lessons were learned every morning, there were no more dragging hours for Bob. Out doors or in, close upon his heels came Kaiser. Rollicking in the snow, playing circus in the attic on rainy days dressed up in Dr. Alec's or even Jane's clothes, there was nothing Kaiser wasn't willing to do, provided Bob was with him.

So the months passed and a year had

the house which was strangely still. Listening, he heard the sound of stifled sobs, and there, lying face downward in the stair closet, lay Bob.

He raised a tear-stained face as his uncle spoke to him; "Oh, Uncle Alec," he sobbed, "Kaiser is gone; something dreadful has happened or he would have come back. What shall I do without Kaiser? Do you think that some hunter may have shot him?" Uncle Alec tried to comfort the distressed lad. He hunted, advertised, and made inquiries far and near, but no Kaiser was found, and Bob was desolate indeed, mourning daily for his friend.

Meanwhile, where was Kaiser? As

him. See, he'll be gone in a minute—he's looking this way—oh here comes the dog for our money!"

Mrs. Atherton hesitated. The dog looked thin and not very attractive to her eyes. Then she looked at Hester, flushed and excited. She was her only child and had been very ill. She beckoned to the man, who was furtively watching her. Dan told her that he couldn't possibly part from his dog; then he set an absurdly high price. Again Mrs. Atherton hesitated.

Hester caught her by the arm: "Oh mamma," she said, "I'll do without my doll-house and go-cart and my new hat—oh anything for this dog!"

Ten minutes later Kaiser was in the brougham. He could not believe his good fortune. His patient, human eyes, large and dark, looked gratefully into Hester's face. "He's trying to tell us how that man treated him!" cried the little girl, patting his big head. "Never mind, I'll love you," she added.

The brougham drove up before an elegant house, the front door opened as if of itself, and the three—lady, child, and dog—went into the beautiful interior. Kaiser's new life had begun. It was a very different life from the one with Robert. Nothing could quite equal that. But Hester, though spoiled in some ways, was a warm-hearted little girl. She was getting well, and Kaiser helped her. The dog grew to his former good looks with food and care. The servants at first looked upon him with disfavor, but Kaiser's good behavior won them over. Mrs. Atherton found him a splendid watch-dog, and was also grateful to him for giving her child so much pleasure. A day came when she loved him as ardently as did Hester. It was the day they took one of their outings on the lake. There was a large party of children with a few of the parents. They were on a fine large boat. Hester had insisted on Kaiser's going with them. "He's so good, and minds so well," she said.

Hester was an excitable child. She grew very lively over a game on deck, and hardly knowing what she did, climbed on to the railing. In some way,—no one ever knew just how—in another moment she had lost her balance and was in the deep blue water below. The mother gave a cry which startled everyone. They ran to the railing, and looked into the waves. Someone called to a man below, but before anything could be done there was a spring, the sight of a dark falling body, and then Kaiser's head appeared above the water.

Those who watched scarcely breathed as their eyes were fastened upon the swimmer. A head—this time a golden one—came up for the second time. Would the dog seize the child's clothes in time?

Then they saw Kaiser turn, holding something in his strong teeth, and come slowly towards the boat. Still the watchers—even the little children—gave no sign. They dared not, for

even now the faithful setter might fail. Fortunately Hester was small and slight, and Kaiser's recent care had given him his old strength and vigor.

Nearer and nearer came the two—would Kaiser hold out?

In the dog's mind there was no doubt at all. He knew that he must save his little playmate. It was in the day's work.

Strong, friendly hands were stretched out from a small boat to take the two in, and when they were safe, what a cheer rent the air! But with the cheer were sobs.

Mrs. Atherton could not believe the good news, until Hester was in her arms, had opened her eyes, and spoken. Kaiser had dragged himself to her feet and lay there exhausted. But in two hours, both child and dog were almost as well as ever, Hester, pale and subdued, and hovering over Kaiser the rest of the trip. It was after this episode that Hester's mother took Kaiser into her heart.

Meanwhile Bob mourned still for his old playmate. Uncle Alec offered to bring him another dog in vain.

"I can't bear to have another one, just as if Kaiser were dead. I may find him some day," said the boy. It was another rainy day that Dr. McKenzie drove up to his door after dark. Bob was at the window waiting for him as usual. The two were very dear to each other.

"Well, Bob, how would you like to go to a city to live—a city on a great lake?" asked his uncle, as he drew the boy towards him later as they sat on the big couch. Bob's eyes grew large with wonder, "I'd like it," he said, "perhaps I'll find Kaiser." Then Dr. McKenzie told him of a letter he had received from the eminent physician under whom he had practiced at a hospital, offering him a position as his assistant. Uncle Alec was like a boy in his delight.

"It's a big salary Bob, and work that I like, and you can have advantages"—Bob wondered what they were—"and we'll take Jane and have a cozy home, and—and live happy ever after," he said.

Jane stood by the open door.

"Indeed Jane isn't going to be carted over the country as if she was a log," said she, "and I hate cities."

Uncle Alec smiled. He knew that nothing could part her from Bob but death.

When they were at a hotel in the city where they were to stay until a house could be found Uncle Alec said: "Bob, I want you to come with me to call on a dear friend of your mother's. She lives on King street."

As they came towards the house, Bob's eyes were staring: "Look!" he said, and then was off before his uncle understood.

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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

A Strawberry Barrel.

There is one novel and very useful method of growing strawberries where there is even a few square feet of space to devote to it, and strange to say, this little ground space need not be good soil nor even earth. This is to put soil in a barrel and grow the plants in it. For those in towns or cities, or anywhere that there is very little room to spare, it is entirely practicable. I now have a strawberry barrel in my back yard in Washington City that is a perfect picture of health and vigor.

Any kind of a barrel may be used, but a good, strong sugar barrel is very suitable and will only cost ten cents. A syrup or kerosene barrel



would be more durable, but one that will last two seasons is good enough.

The first thing to do is to drive two small nails through each stave, where each hoop crosses it, and clinch them well. If the

barrel has wire hoops use small staples instead of nails. Nail the bottom head in securely. This will hold all firmly together. Bore four or five small auger holes in the bottom, but none should be in the center, that the water may escape slowly but not quickly through the water pipe that is to be put in the center. Then make three sets of holes in the sides of the barrel, through which the plants are to grow. These should be at least eight inches apart every way. I made the lower row in my barrel eight inches from the bottom, the upper one four inches from the top and the middle one half way between these two. There are eight holes in each row, making twenty-four in all. The holes can be made with an auger large or small, or keyhole saw. They should be about one and a half inches in diameter, and it is well to have them a little larger up and down than crosswise of the barrel. There must be a pipe or other means of watering the soil put in the barrel at the center of it. A short piece of old tin spouting with a lot of nail holes in it is very good, and a few joints of small tile is

better. Three or four plastering laths formed into a tube will do. This should be ready to place in the center of the barrel and reach from the bottom to a few inches above the top. In preparing the soil, get only that which is very rich and will not bake, but be loose and porous.

All will be ready to set the plants when the above directions have been followed. Some good variety of strawberry must be chosen, and one with perfect flowers is necessary if only one is used, owing to the need of pollination. Marshall, Glen Mary, Splendid and Parker Earle are all suitable and good in every way. Potted plants are the best, but any strong, well rooted ones will do. Place the water pipe in position, and fill up the barrel with the rich soil already prepared as far as the top of the first row of holes, and tramp it down firmly. Then set one good plant at each hole, by carefully putting the leaves through it to the outside, and spreading the roots out on the soil. Fill up to the next row of holes tramp the soil well, as before, and set the next row of plants. Then fill up to the last row of holes and set the plants, after which fill to the top of the barrel and set six plants there, in an upright position. The water pipe should be kept in the center during the filling. Pour about five gallons of water slowly into the pipe at once and some on top. If the work is well done and good plants are used none will die, and they will soon begin to make new growth. Keep all runners clipped off as they appear. It will be necessary to water through the pipe and on top of the soil every few days. There will be no weeds to pull, no tillage and no dirty berries when they come. In case of frost all can be covered. It is surprising how much fruit one barrel will produce. Some estimate one quart for each plant, as many fruit stems come out from each one. Any time before growing stops in the fall will do to plant such a strawberry barrel, but the earlier the better and the more fruit may be expected next year. During winter there should be a protection of matting or something to prevent rapid and severe freezing and thawing out of the soil.

The Pan-American Strawberry.

One of the very remarkable varieties of the strawberry is a new one called Pan-American, because it was first shown at the exposition at Buffalo, New York, in 1901. It origi-

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In my own garden there are now, August 1, ripe berries and blossoms on the few plants I have of this variety. It is a very fine berry in every way, especially for amateur use. For fancy market purposes it is also well suited. It is very nice and profitable, too, to have strawberries ripening during the late summer and fall. They will bring a big price at that season. Those living in the South, where the winters are very mild, could have plenty of berries from this variety as late as Christmas. There is no other variety that will bring the same result or anything like them, by the same treatment. It has perfect flowers and is therefore self-fertile.

Answers to Correspondents.

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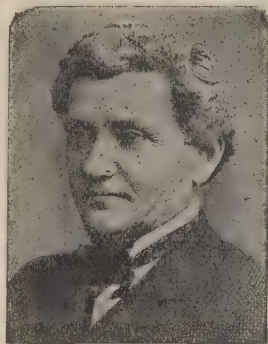
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The clear blue sky and balmy breeze,
Invite to the woods away, away,
September is Nature's Holiday."

Some Things To Do.

If this be really Nature's holiday, then we too must consider ourselves a part of her machinery; enough at least, to enjoy some of the pleasures that come our way. There are plenty of them—the pleasures I mean, and some of them are to be found in real work itself. But I shall not quarrel with any of our numerous family if they take some days off, and casting labor and care to the winds, find their pleasures in rest and recreation. Only this, there will be some duties that cannot be neglected provided everything about the garden is to be kept in apple-pie order.

It will be the best possible time now to exterminate what weeds have been left over from August for none of them ought to be left to mature their seed. Then too it is the time to watch carefully the maturing vegetables, making sure to note their desirable points as well as the reverse. Most of us will doubtless have some things growing that are particularly desirable and that we still desire to keep in stock. The finish of these either vegetables or seeds, ought to be carefully prepared for winter storage so that they shall be in the best possible condition for planting or sowing in spring. These ought to be cared for just in the nick of time; even though we forego a day's pleasure. The advantages of careful seed selection can hardly be estimated, and if we give this matter our personal attention, we know then to a certainty just what we are planting or sowing. A vegetable or plant that has done exceptionally well under the conditions we have been able to give it, will very likely be a safe thing to perpetuate or continue to grow. So we should watch their growth and maturing carefully, selecting only the very finest, and if well done, our labor will be rewarded many fold.

Fairs.

Last year, I believe I had something to say of Fairs and fair exhibits. Now this, and the following month is the time for this work, and I know of nothing that combines more of pleasure and real profit, than careful and earnest effort in this direction. All of us cannot carry away

prizes, but one thing is certain, that sort of lightning is sure to strike some one; and surely it will not hit us unless we are in line. So the best efforts of all of us are in order and even though we fail of winning the committee prizes we shall not fail of the grand prize always earned through duty will done. Correspond with the officers of the Fairs within reach. Obtain their regulations for exhibitors, and study carefully their classifications and departments. Then take stock of your possessions, and nine chances out of ten, you will find something to fit the case. Then much thought and care is necessary in properly preparing what you have for exhibition. Many really fine specimens often suffer and fail solely through careless preparation, or noncompliance with the rules governing the classes in which they are exhibited. So scrupulous care as to these points is often the pivotal point upon which success is poised. A careful study of the entire detail will develop many points heretofore unthought of; and ere we finish it we shall discover that we have learned much. So the mere prize-taking is by no means the whole of the matter, though that of itself is good. Then in concluding this matter let me urge that all in so far as possible encourage by attendance and in every other way these means of education.

Successes and Failures.

Doubtless some who started in with us in the early spring time, it may be with the best of resolutions, have met with failures and grown discouraged. Well failures to some extent at least, are the common lot of all, for "Into each life some rain must fall." Too much rain may have fallen for some of us—it may be too little has fallen for others. Perchance some of us have labored hard to prepare the ground, and the seed refused to grow while the weeds persisted in growing, and grew and grew in spite of us. These discouragements are hard, but not incurable I think. Rest assured that the worst failure any of us has made, was the failure of not trying. There are some of our readers I fear who made this, the most dismal of failures.

Have any of us had the blues, or got them now? I fear it may be so; but that is not altogether bad. I stood at the foot of Lookout mountain one day. The mist and clouds hung heavy above me, the rain was drizzling, and down where I stood it was dark and dismal. Looking up by and by I saw that the upper strata of

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clouds were drifting and breaking against the mountain top. Where I stood it was cold and dark and dreary; but the blue sky was still above me, gleaming cheerfully through the rifted clouds. Now let us have an experience meeting by mail and tell our successes and failures. Here is a starter and weshall be more than glad to have others do likewise and tell us where and how they have succeeded and in what they have failed.

Mrs. M. A. M., Nebraska City, Neb.—I want to thank you for your kind letter received in April, and wish to ask you a few more questions. (1) What to do with my plum trees? Since the late frost which came in blooming time, the branches are withering up and looking bare. (2) My rhubarb patch, shaded on the south by plum trees, and on the west by pig pen and other buildings, is so poor. Is it lack of sunshine? (3) My asparagus bed does not yield as much as you claim it ought. I have three rows twenty-four feet long, the stalks are fine but few. Another bed same size, six years old, the stalks are about the size of a slate pencil, the largest as large as a lead pencil. (4) My potato tops back of plum trees—well I wish you could see them, you would think we grew potatoes for the tops only. The potatoes are about the size of walnuts and only few at that. (5) I have a white raspberry fruiting for the first this year. It

throws up so many side shoots, some three or four feet away and so vigorous that leaves are three inches across. Is it worth cultivating, and are these shoots good for propagating, if so when? (6) I transplanted about two dozen gooseberry bushes from layers, in the dry season of early spring. They were watered and shaded but only three are living. (7) Can I remove a three-year old peach tree with safety in the fall? (8) Can Elberta peach trees be profitably cut back? The branches are on the ground, and when fruited have to be propped up to keep fruit clean. (9) What do you mean by intensive culture as regards asparagus? I cannot use the hoe as I never know where the roots are. Why do my radishes refuse to bulb? I have made several sowings with same results.

Here then is a mixture of successes and failures, and we are glad to assist in picking out the tangles in so far as we are able.

(1) It is difficult to say what ails the plum trees. A severe late freeze after growth had started might have injured them. But whatever the cause, the best thing to do with them would be to prune out any diseased branches, and spray the trees thoroughly with Bordeaux mixture. Some one there would doubtless have the mixture or assist you to prepare it, or very likely you could buy it in dry form at some of the stores. Spray

them now, and again later in the season. (2) Your rhubarb is too much shaded, and had better be taken up this fall or in the spring and removed to a more sunny spot. (3) Your trouble with asparagus has been quite general among growers this year. So you are not alone but have plenty of company. After the tops have got their growth, and just before the seed ripens, mow off the tops leaving them right on the beds. When dry burn them, and then cover the bed with manure. Let it remain until spring, then work it into the bed. (4) Potatoes have a trick of sometimes going all to tops, without any apparent reason. It may be a lack of potash which might be remedied by sowing on a liberal amount of wood ashes. They would do very little good applied now for this year; but would be very helpful for the future if applied next spring. (5) The so-called white raspberries are little grown here; yet I think they justly deserve more general attention. If they succeed well there, I should certainly grow them. The root shoots of which you speak are what you will require for propagating. As to the season for planting out, be governed by general usage there. I think however spring would be the better time to set. It certainly would be here. (6) I would be unable to assign any cause for the gooseberries dying. They may have had too much

top for the root, and that very likely may be the reason. (7) In this locality, I would not transplant a peach tree large or small in the fall. It might succeed there; but I think spring would be better. (8) Yes, and the trouble is they should have been cut back long ago. At least one-third of the growth should be cut back every year. Your trees will require more than that, at the first fruiting. (9) In general, it means, thorough, persistent and frequent culture from the plowing of the ground until a crop is laid by, or too large to work longer. It means essentially the same for asparagus, for thorough culture is necessary for best results. You will not injure it, by digging and working in it; only do not go deep enough to destroy the crowns. The more you dig, the better it will yield even if now and then a shoot is destroyed. A four or five tine fork is the best tool to work with. Dig it up and do not be afraid. If grass or weeds get too much the start sow on salt, and the more the better. You need not fear to make the ground white. (10) The tendency of all plant life is to go back to the original. Doubtless your radish seed was of some worthless strain that has run out or gone too far back to the original type.

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of fowls, a very little time is needed
to manage and feed the small flock,
and there is nothing that will afford
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than ten or twelve hens all of one
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portance as compared with what they
bring in for the table, in the way of
eggs and meat. No one knows how
to appreciate good fresh eggs and well
fattened chickens until they have
them of their own production. A
good many have an idea that because
their space is limited, so the fowls are
unable to roam over broad fields as on
the farm, that there is no use in try-
ing to keep them. This is a mistake,
for while the farm is an ideal place
to raise and keep poultry, some of the
largest egg records have been made by
yarded hens, and some of the birds in
very close confinement at that. The
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Where the quarters are dry and
sunny they are a very good general
purpose fowl, but do not thrive in
damp quarters. Lay white eggs and
do not sit. Not well suited to our
market on account of color of flesh.
Weight of cock, seven pounds, hen
six pounds.

Size of yards:—I have several
varieties of fowls and wish a separate
pen for each. My plan is to have all
in a row, size 16x24 feet enclosed by a
five-foot fence. Much depends upon

the number of fowls in the flock and
the breed, but a yard of this size is not
large enough for any great length of
time, for a flock of over one half
dozen birds. Small yards without
green stuff is not conducive to health
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hold fifty fowls. Make length thirty-
six feet, width ten feet, then divide
this room into three parts, each ten
by twelve feet. Height in front eight
feet, rear six feet. This slope will
not admit of shingled roof; some one
of the many kinds of roofing material
may be used. If it is desired to use
shingles it will be necessary to give
the roof more pitch, say five feet in
rear or four feet would be better; the
more slant that is given the drier it
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Have the frame of two by four scant-
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boards, then with building paper and
on this put novelty siding for a
weather finish. Plain matched boards,
six inch stuff, may be put on inside
of roof. This leaves an air space,
and makes it warm and dry. Have
the door on east end or south side.
Windows on southside, size about two
by four feet or three by five feet and
one for each department. The build-
ing should be placed in as sheltered a
location as is practicable to have it. I
prefer a board floor, but a good many
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"Do you think you know how?" asked Wifey dubiously.

"Know how? Why it's the simplest thing in the world. All you need is a few boards, a good sized piece of zinc, three by three say, a hammer, nails, and saw. Then knock the affair together, put a small lamp under it, and there you are. Could build one in two hours, and wouldn't cost more than seventy-five cents. You see," I continued growing enthusiastic, "one great advantage in a brooder is that you can take your hens that have hatched out their broods and put them right back to laying again."

"But don't you think it's cruel to deprive the hen of her chickens?" asked Mrs. G., her motherly feelings rising strong within her.

"I guess they don't mind it much," I replied. "Hens are the stupidest creatures living. I wouldn't waste any sympathy in that quarter."

With these few remarks I fell to and built a brooder in one corner of the hen house, at a total cost of sixty-seven cents, as shown in the following tabulation:

Several boards (taken from wood-pile) no particular value.
1 lb. of nails 5 cts.
1 piece of zinc, 43 cts.
4 strips of woolen cloth (old trouser legs) no value.
1 small lamp 19 cts.
Total 67 cts.

As I explained to Mrs. G., when I had invited her out to view my handiwork, the brooder was a little rough-looking, but appearances are of no consequence so long as a thing is serviceable. Then I showed her the working of the apparatus, and when we had looked it all over I am sure she was secretly proud to think that her husband could build a brooder as well as some of the neighbors.

I put twenty-seven chicks under the brooder, and was delighted to see how much they enjoyed themselves. For a time all went well, although Mrs. G. said she had her doubts about the durability of the zinc sheet. It seemed a little thin she thought, but I told her she need have no fear on that score so long as the lamp was regulated properly.

One rainy Sunday morning I was seated comfortably in an armchair looking out at the endless chain of leaden clouds that trailed their bedraggled skirts across the face of our common mother. I was at peace with all the world, and glad to think that I and all my belongings were under cover.

Suddenly I saw a patch of vapor, or mist, or was it smoke, drifting past the window. It came from the direction of the henhouse. A horrible

suspicion flashed across me. Bare-headed, I ran out to investigate. A cloud of smoke was pouring out through the crevices of the henhouse! I rushed back into the house with a yell of "Fire!" that frightened Mrs. G. half out of her wits and caused the baby to set up a howl of alarm. "A pail, bucket, or something. Quick!" I demanded. Grabbing a pan of dishwater from the sink, I dashed out, opened the henhouse door, and was sent reeling back from a solid wall of black smoke that completely filled the interior. I threw the water in the direction where I knew the brooder lay, amidst the crackling of flames and the piercing cries of terrified chicks. As I sprinted back for more water I met Hawes who had come over with a bucketful of water too. Then Mrs. G. came to the rescue with a two-quart pailful, followed by Mrs. Hawes with an empty wash basin. By our united efforts we squelched the fire-demon, and after the smoke had rolled away I rounded up the flock. Strange to say, not a single chick was missing.

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Guggenheimer.

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three hundred hens right at the beginning. They are generally inexperienced with large numbers of fowls, perhaps crowded for room, and the result is a failure. A city man bought a farm in this vicinity last year, and during the fall picked up altogether about three hundred hens. He tried all winter to start them laying, and he told me, about the middle of last February, they had just commenced to lay a few eggs; one day he had gathered seven. This don't sound much like the story they tell us about this and that one clearing two or three hundred dollars from that number of hens during a fall and winter.

I say again, start in moderately and increase as the circumstances warrant. To house and care for two or three hundred hens at a time requires a good deal of room and yard space, as well as numerous other things, many of which are not at hand. It costs a good deal to feed them, and when the year rolls around the owner finds the flock has not half paid for itself, that is, he will find this out if he has kept an account so he knows "where he is at."

Poultry writers all over the country are telling about the wonderful profits made with hens, and how this man has made three or five hundred dollars in a winter, but mind you, they don't tell anything about the fellow who put all he had in "chickens" and lost the whole thing. In many instances such talk as this does more harm than good, by inducing people to invest in a business they know little or nothing about, and one big failure like this damages the industry to the extent that it requires many successes to heal it.

It is entirely wrong to take any large business on your hands that you know nothing about. Only a very small per cent of those who do so will succeed. The man who keeps three or four hundred hens and gets a big egg yield through the fall and winter is the one who understands his business in every detail. To begin with, he hatched out the pullets early in the spring, cared for and fed them with a view of making layers of them, and the probabilities are that the stock these pullets were bred from was selected with great care by one who thoroughly understood their laying habits, and in this way he was able to secure good laying. Too many aim for a great number regardless of what any of them may be able to do. It's not the feed and care alone that make the profit. Some people have found this out, others have not. To undertake to get eggs out of a poor laying strain of fowls is like trying to get "blood out of a stone."

A dozen fowls is all that an inexperienced person should take on his hands at the commencement. Then if they are to be kept for eggs, select only those that are found to be good layers, and breed from these. Study them carefully, and do not increase the number unless the facilities for

handling them are supplied also. On farms there is range enough for a great many fowls, but the farmers are not the ones who are making the most profit out of hens by any means. Range alone is not all that is required. There must be good poultry house, coops and many other things that the experienced poultry man knows about.

To the one who has had no practical experience with fowls I would say, commence with a dozen head this season, and if you find them agreeable to your tastes and profitable in the way of producing fall and winter eggs then make more room and increase the number, but be careful that the number don't get beyond the facilities for taking care of them. For any one who has the room and time to care for them properly, there is a good profit in small flocks of poultry.

A DOG OF QUALITY.

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of surprise and joy kept saying: "Kaiser, my dear old Kaiser!"

Uncle Alec also saw something that Bob didn't, a little girl in a dainty white dress who was coming down the steps of the house they were to visit. She stopped short and stared too at the dog and boy. Then her lip quivered. "That is my dog, and his name is Ned," she said. "Come Ned," she called imperiously.

But for once the dog refused to obey. He was jumping first on Bob then on Dr. McKenzie, barking for joy. He seemed beside himself. Uncle Alec hurried forward to the child. "My dear," he said, "if you will take us to your mother we'll explain."

Hester looked up into the frank face and felt that somehow it would all come out right even if things did look so very dark. In another half hour things were explained, but both children looked very sober.

Both loved Kaiser—yet one must give him up—which one? And then came Uncle Alec's voice—"My dear Mrs. Atherton," he said to Hester's mother, "why not let the children have the dog in partnership, week and week about? I'm to live here somewhere when I can get a house and I knew that my sister would love nothing better than that her boy and your girl should be playmates." "And why couldn't you take the house opposite?" asked Mrs. Atherton. "It is for rent and I should think it was just what you want—it is small, but with every convenience and, look, how pretty it is!"

Uncle Alec went to the window and declared it was an excellent suggestion. With him to think was to act. Two weeks later Jane, with her appalling energy, had the house in perfect order and Dr. Alec and Bob felt as if it had always been their home.

Kaiser—lucky fellow!—had two homes. It was hard for him to tell which he liked best, and whether master and mistress were dearer. So, wise dog! he didn't try. He loved

them both and served them well. Bob and Hester were fast friends, as well as Mrs. Atherton and Dr. McKenzie. And if any child who may happen to read this simple story cares to see Kaiser, let him go up King street West to numbers ten hundred and hundred and thirty-one, in that city on the Lake—but to tell the name is hardly fair, is it?

When Ma's Away.

Tell you what, when ma's away
We have jolly times, I say,
When we make a glorious noise,
There's no one to sing out, "Boys,
Do be quiet!" And at night,
If we stay up late, all right,
We've a picnic every day,
At our house when ma's away.

We don't have to any more
Scrape our boots clean at the door.
No one scolds us when we fight;
Faces washed or not, all right,
No one hollers us to stop
And pick up things we drop.
In the alley we can play
With the Smiths, when ma's away.

But somehow—I hardly know—
'Course it's fun, as such things go,
Still, it kind of seems to me
Rather lonesome like, you see,
No one round to smile or sing,
Help a fellow do a thing,
'Splain the lessons every day,
Keep us straight—when ma's away.

No one here when things are blue,
Just to tell us what to do,
Cheer us up and make it right,
And talk serious like at night,
Hear our prayers and tip-toe round
Till we're sleeping snug and sound.
Something's wrong, in word or play,
At our house, when ma's away.

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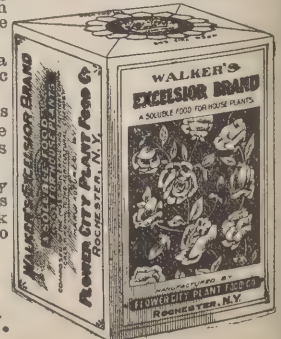
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THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLD-EN EGG.

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necticut, and when on searching the records it was found that the two divergent lines of descent met in a certain Colonel Simon Lathrop, who commanded an expedition to Louisburg, and who was but three removes from the Rev. John Lathrop who came from London to New England in 1634, she saw more clearly than ever that in a reunion of the two branches of the family, Gurdon and Lucy had simply fulfilled the leading of Manifest Destiny.

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"But for it I should never have come to Hillsdale, never have seen dear Aunt Lucretia. I should have been living on the old Huntington farm at Bloomsbury. Or, if it had been sold, the papers would have been drawn by old Squire Smith, and I never, never, should have known the dearest, noblest, wisest, best of all the men in the wide world, Gurdon Lathrop."

WATERMELONS and CANTELOUPES.

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rinds or mangoes. Pack in a wide-mouthed stone jar after the mangoes have been joined together and securely wrapped and tied with a thread, and fill the jar with vinegar seasoned with sugar, black pepper and white mustard seeds. Have plenty white mustard seeds. Olive oil, over the top of the vinegar, preserves the pickle and also flavors nicely.

Miss Sarah H. H., Atlanta, Ga.—It is milk in custard pies that causes them to sour in summer. Lemon custards and other custard pies will not keep twenty-four hours if milk is an ingredient. Use water and cornstarch in place of milk.

MOTHER'S MEETING.

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Care must be used with hot baths for too great heat may cause convulsions. Hot salt baths are strengthening and soda baths relieve prickly heat. When two months old you may teach baby the mysteries of a tiny bath tub, using tepid water and allowing no shock nor alarm.



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Mother's Scrapbook.

The good old rule for sore mouth is a mixture of borax, honey and sage, made thick and swabbed on with a cotton swab tied on a stick. Swab the sores several times a day. In severe

cases suspect constitutional trouble back of it.

A nursing mother needs a slight bust support. As in many cases the milk flows too freely a home made substitute is probably better, being easily changed and washed. Every mother needs advice when nursing her first child as to how to hold child, how to dry milk at weaning time and how to support bust during nursing to prevent the ruin of the beauty and shape. Never let child drag downwards on nipple. Never let milk cake the breast hard. Never use roughness in applying breast pump or hot water bottle when it is necessary to remove milk from breasts. A long bandage of muslin may answer in lieu of all other supports. A very important rule is—wash the breasts often with borax water, especially in hot weather.

The most important duty to see to as soon as a child is born, after being laid in a soft, old, warm blanket, is to treat its eyes. The majority of eye diseases arise from this neglect—a very serious thing. In all maternity hospitals this point is emphasized.

The Day that Summer Died.

The day that summer died we saw a change
Creep slowly o'er the sunshine in her face—
A fleeting beauty, dim and wholly strange,
Unlike the brightness of her earlier grace.
We felt a chill in every breeze that blew
And saw across the meadows green and wide
A veil of frost that silvered all the dew—
The day that summer died.

The day that summer died a red leaf fell
From out the maple's green and stately crest,
And all the slender fern leaves in the dell
In robes of white and palest gold were dressed.
A late rose shed its petals one by one,
The poplar stirred its trembling leaves and sighed,
A glowing dahlia blossomed in the sun—
The day that summer died.

The day that summer died the forest stream
Crept forth to catch the blueness of the skies,
The hills grew dim and hazy as a dream
Or like a vision viewed by tearful eyes,
A growing shadow, chill and vaguely drear,
Swept o'er the landscape like a rising tide,
And winter's footsteps sounded all too near—
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Emma G. Weston, in *Youth's Companion*.

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Where Did it Go?

Where did yesterday's sunset go,
When it faded down the hills so slow,
And the gold grew dim and the purple light
Like an army with banners passed from sight?
Will its flush go into the goldenrod,
Its thrill to the purple aster's nod,
Its crimson fleck the maple bough,
And the autumn glory begin from now?

Deeper than flower fields sank the glow
Of the silent pageant passing slow.

It flushed all night in many a dream,
It thrilled in the folding hush of prayer,
It glided into a poet's song,
It is setting still in a picture rare;
It changed by the miracle none can see
To the shifting lights of a symphony;
And in resurrection of faith and hope
The glory died on the shining slope.

For it left its light on the hills and seas
That rim a thousand memories.

W. C. Gannett.

Learning One's Letters.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The modern way of teaching children to read without learning to name the letters of the alphabet doubtless has its advantages, and at least it is a great saving of drudgery on the part of the teacher, but it seems to have some disadvantages, also.

Sooner or later in life it is often necessary to know whether *F* comes before or after *G*, or *Z* before *X*, but so far as my knowledge goes, there is now no time in the school life when this is taught. Dictionaries and encyclopedias follow alphabetical arrangement, every filing system, every catalogue, in fact, almost all lists are alphabetically arranged, but, if one does not know his alphabet consecutively, what is he going to do?

Perhaps the proper arrangement of letters comes to some by intuition, but, there certainly are cases where it does not come in that way or any other, and inaccuracy of work and consequent aggravation of spirit are the inevitable results.

I believe that children should be taught the alphabet consecutively for their own sakes and for the sake of those who, in after life, may be associated with them in business. Just at what stage of their education it is best to do this is open to discussion, but I think it should be done early and thoroughly.

F. B.

Dishwashing.

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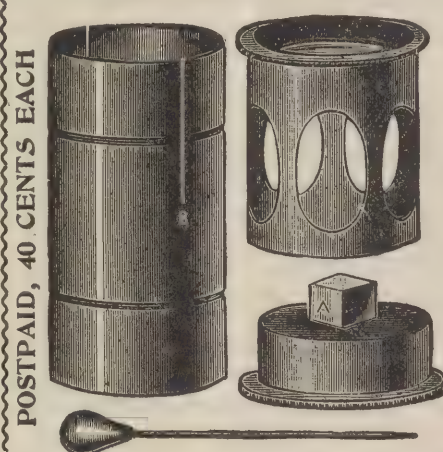
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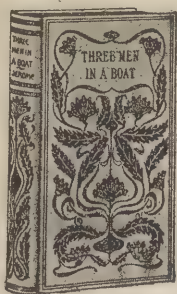
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Talks About Flowers.

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Seasonable Suggestions.

September is not the month of roses, yet it is a very good time to talk about them. In the first place, the small, green rose slugs—the progeny of the ones that appeared in June—are liable to attack the plants at a moment's notice; and late in August one should go over the bushes in search of the pests. You will find them on the underside of the leaves. They are small, green and motionless. Either crush them or apply Paris green in water. About a teaspoonful of the poison in a tobacco pail full of liquid will be right. It is a good plan to apply a preventive dose of insecticide at this time of year, even if no slugs are in sight. The ones that you kill now will not bother you next June.

Even if the bushes have been well supplied with a mulch of decayed manure throughout the summer, put some more on now. This is to encourage the roses to put forth new growth and accumulate sufficient strength to tide them safely over the winter. Underneath a thrifty bush that has many canes, on which are displayed dozens of rich, healthy leaves, there is pretty sure to be found a large and satisfactory system of roots, and this is exactly what is required to have the bushes a complete success, next year. A rose plant that is starved and neglected stands an excellent chance to die during the winter, while another bush, not any larger or hardier may "come out in flying colors" if well cared for, beforehand, and given plenty of rich, nourishing food. Therefore, apply a generous mulch of decayed stable compost all over the surface of the rose bed. Do it now, and in due time you will enjoy the result. It pays to feed one's roses well and give them extra care and attention. It does not pay to neglect them in any respect.

One method to provide the compost to the plants is to scrape away a portion of the soil from about the plants, and fill in with fine, mellow manure. Or the fertilizer may be scattered over the ground and hoed in. Either way, it will go to the roots and feed them. If the first method is followed, commercial fertilizers should not be used. Hoe the soil frequently, both to keep it mellow and to disappoint every weed that would like to go to seed. You have about three months to get your roses in good condition to withstand the winter. You will not be sorry if you undertake the work and carry it out.

Harvest-Tide.

Something is gone from the cycling hours
Wherefore the heart was gay.
Something has vanished, but in its place
Earth has attained to a richer grace,
Life to a rarer day.

Falling leaf, from the bursting bud
Shaking its pennons free.
Sacred fires, like that of old,
Not consuming them, ye behold
Burning in bush and tree.

Breath of autumn for May-time breeze
Whispering life is fair.
Golden haze on the purpling hills,
Thin mists marking the distant rills,
Hushed is the tranced air.

Halting steps for the winged feet
Brushing the dews away.
Priceless burdens that make them slow
Render glorious the path the go,
Over the sunset way.

Something is vanished, but more ye hold.
(Blossom and bloom have died.)
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The Magic Seven in Floriculture.

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Do not fill the spaces among fine plants with those that are sickly and ragged, thus spoiling the appearance of the entire collection. If possible, keep unrepresentable plants in some out-of-sight place until they are in a condition to be ornamental.

LIGHT.

A second rule governing the selection of plants is the quality of light at command. Do not expect plants to reverse their nature for your convenience and then complain of your luck—or lack of it—because they fail to do so.

If only north or east exposure can be had, select such plants as will grow there better than they could in a stronger light; if an unshaded southern exposure is available, then select such as require strong sunlight to bring out their beauty of bloom or foliage. Many plants that do their best in a shaded light are as beautiful as those requiring the strongest light of a southern exposure, so it becomes merely a question of making selection subservient to location, and the person who studies plants intelligently knows there is practically no limit to those suited to any condition of light where one would think of trying to grow plants.

CLEANLINESS.

Cleanliness is as necessary to healthy plant growth as it is to child growth and the rule "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure" should never be forgotten. Clean pots; clean foliage; freedom from dust and insects, all depend on constant care and watchfulness, and such care is the price of success. Cleanliness first, last, and all the time must be the watchword of the successful plant grower.

Beauty and Utility.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

A writer of some note makes the statement that walks and drives impart no element of beauty to a garden. If he is talking about walks and drives brought into the scene merely as objects of beauty—a point he does not make clear—then there might possibly be something in his statement. But walks and drives, as a rule, are introduced into home and other grounds because they are needed; as such they may be made to impress the mind with beauty instead of, as too often is the

case, detracting from the general delight. Much depends upon the way they are laid out, just as in the vegetable or fruit garden the attractiveness depends a great deal on how the rows are laid out. Garden rows that are straight and parallel may so delight the eye that one may be led to say, how beautiful. Crooked rows, on the other hand, mar the effect—no one speaks of such as being beautiful. Returning to lawn walks and drives, what must be the characteristics of such as shall impart the greatest degree of beauty to the scene? Under some circumstances the straight walk or roadway may not be out of place for good effect, but as a rule it is the well proportioned curve that satisfies the mind as a thing of beauty. A graceful curve always pleases the eye. If therefore the necessary path or roadway in the pleasure grounds is laid out with sweeping curves, such

may in this place be a thing of beauty, as the straight and parallel lines in the kitchen garden are things that gratify the eye. This is not the place to enter upon a detailed consideration of garden corners, but a word may be said on the subject. The curved walk or drive that imparts the largest degree of beauty is not the one having many short and uniform bends, serpentine in character, but such as has no two bends of the same size. That is, if there be a single sweeping curve of considerable extent, as from the street to the doorway, and this extends beyond into one or more bends in succession, the elements of the most satisfactory lay-out are present. It need hardly be said that no walk or driveway, however pleasingly curved, will possess power of imparting beauty if its edges be rough or jagged in outline, or its surface be befouled with weeds or litter.—E. A. Long.

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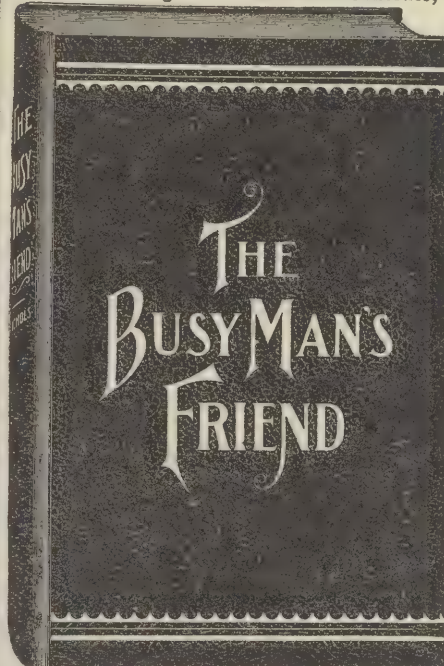
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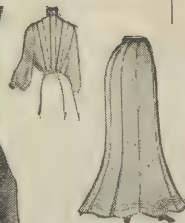
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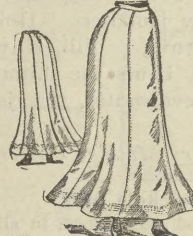
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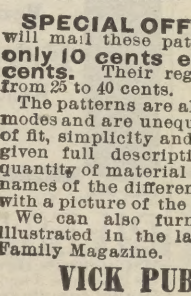
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(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The following remedy for chills was given me by a young man in the backwoods of Indiana: "Take a willow switch" (size not stated) "put it into a gallon of water, and boil down to a quart. Take a pint at a dose, three times a day."

From Louisiana comes the following: "To cure cramp in the limbs, turn the shoes upside down when retiring for the night. This never fails."

A woman from the mountains of Tennessee vouches for the infallibility of the following: "To prevent a child from ever taking whooping cough, give it a drink of water from the first stream it ever crosses." She "had tried this on her Tommy," and though he was seventeen years old he had never had the disease; which she considered proof positive of the effectiveness of her preventive.

The same woman also said: "To stop 'after pains,' turn the head of an axe with the sharp side up, under the bed on which the patient lies. It will cut the after pains."

My five-year-old daughter has the asthma. The following remedies have come from widely different sources:

From a Pennsylvania Dutchman; "Have the child sleep with a puppy. The puppy will take the disease, and the child will get well."

A lady from New York State, and one from Vermont, assured me that the following process freed them from asthma in their youth, and advised me to try it: "Stand the child against the north post of a door, and bore a gimlet hole just above her head. Place a lock of her hair in the hole and plug it up. As soon as she grows higher than the hole, the asthma will leave her."

A Colorado man said: "Break eggshells to a powder, mix with honey, and give to her. The shells will cut the phlegm from the bronchial tubes." (Query: How?)

Here is a Tennessee mountain remedy for yellow jaundice: "Hollow out a yaller turnip. Fill it with water and hang it up the chimney. When the water evaporates, the jaundice will leave."

Mrs. Mary McCrae Culter.

When Crickets Sing.

When crickets sing and asters bloom in all the woodland ways,
And smoke hangs low, and far away the fields are lost in haze;
When in the corn there is a voice that whispers: "Summer's gone,"
And here and there a red leaf glows, first lights of autumn's dawn;
Then, soft as milkweed down, on me is laid the hand of mystery.
The woodland wavers; at my feet I hear the tall grass sigh;
A low sweet music of regret runs through the earth and sky;
The creek is caught in a net of mist whose silvery meshes gleam,
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dun
As the cheeks of the children that play in the
sun.

Comfort me with apples!

Comfort me with apples!
Gather those streaked with red that we named
Morning Light.
Our good father set, when his hair had grown
white,

The tree, though he said, when he planted the
root,

"The hands of another shall gather the fruit."

Comfort me with apples!

Comfort me with apples!
Go down to the end of the orchard, and bring
The fair Lady Fingers that grew by the spring;
Pale Bell-flowers and Pippins all burnished with
gold,

Like the fruit of the Hesperus guarded of old,
Comfort me with apples!

Comfort me with apples!
Get the sweet Junietta so loved by the bees,
And the Pearmain that grew on the queen of the
trees;

And, close by the brook, where they hang ripe
and lush,

Go shake down the best of them all, Maiden's
Blush.

Comfort me with apples!

Comfort me with apples!
For lo, I am sick, I am sad and opprest;
I come back to the place where, a child, I was
blest.

Hope is false, love is vain, for the old sights I
sigh;

And if these cannot comfort me, then I must die!

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Phoebe Cary.

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